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**PARTNERS FOR SAFE
TEEN DRIVING**
A COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE

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Virginia law, tips for helping your
teen and teen driving visit the
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In Partnership with DMV and Prince William County Public Schools

- Driving is the most dangerous daily activity we can undertake.
- Car crashes are the #1 cause of death among American teenagers.
- The average American makes 50,000 car trips in his/her lifetime.
- Based on this average, the odds of being killed in a car accident are 1 in 140.
The odds of being killed in a plane crash are 1 in 250,000.
- Over the last decade, more than 68,000 teens have died in car crashes
10,000 more than the total number of Americans who died during the Vietnam War.
- More than 6,000 teens died in car crashes in the United States in 2003,
and more than 500,000 suffered life-altering injuries.

Focus Forward

- In the last 100 years, 2 million Americans died in car crashes.
- The per-mile fatality rate for 16 to 19 year olds is four times that of adults.
- Teenagers make up only 10% of the U.S. population, but suffer 14% of all
vehicular fatalities and 20% of all reported accidents.
- In 2002, the estimated economic cost of police-reported crashes
(both fatal and non-fatal) involving drivers ages 15 to 20 was \$40.8 billion.
- Nearly half of all fatal car crashes involving teen drivers are single-car crashes.
- Teens are more likely than any other age group to be involved in a single-car crash.

Buckle Up

- One third of all fatal accidents involving teen drivers are caused by speed.
- The accident rate among teen drivers doubles when the number of
passengers in the car increases from two to three.
- 61% of fatally injured teen passengers were killed in cars driven by teens.
- More than 60% of teens killed in car accidents were not wearing safety belts.
- 53% of all teen deaths due to car accidents occur during weekends.
- 41% of fatal crashes involving teens occur between 9 PM to 6 AM.
- The first 1,000 hours behind the wheel are the most dangerous for teenagers.

Slow Down

- The 16 year old population in the U.S. will increase from 3.5 million to 4 million within the next 5 years.
- There will be 26.1 million 16 to 20 year old drivers on the nations roads by 2010,
a 23% increase over the number of teens driving today.
- 92,000 new drivers receive their license each year in Virginia.
- The number of fatal car crashes in Virginia is increasing at a rate of approximately 10% year-over-year.
- In Virginia in 2003, there were 144 fatal car crashes involving teenagers.
- A total of 163 teens – an average of more than three per week – died on Virginia roads in 2003.

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