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## California Graduated Drivers License (GDL)

California law requires all new teen drivers to obtain drivers licenses through a three-step process. This graduated drivers license law is aimed at reducing the number of injuries and fatalities for teen drivers and passengers between the ages of 15 and 19.

### GDL Quick Facts

- With a provisional license, you can drive by yourself between the hours of 5 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- This means you cannot give anyone under 20 years old (your friends, your brothers, sisters, cousins, etc.) a ride unless you have a licensed parent, guardian or other adult 25 years old or older in the car with you.

#### 1 Step One

- Obtain a provisional permit (must be 15 1/2 years old)
- Must complete 50 hours of supervised driving.
- Ten of the required hours must be performed at night.
- A parent or guardian is responsible for certifying, in writing, the proper number of hours has been completed.

#### 2 Step Two

- The student may receive a provisional license if he or she is between 16 and 18 years old and has passed a behind-the-wheel driving test.
- The new driver must also provide a parent's signature on his or her instruction permit stating he or she has completed all required driving practice.

#### 3 Step Three

- A full-privilege license may be granted after the driver successfully completes the first two steps and has no outstanding DMV or court-ordered restrictions, probation or suspensions on the driver's record.

#### Teen Driver Resources

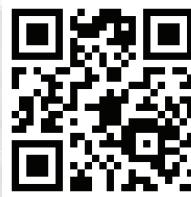
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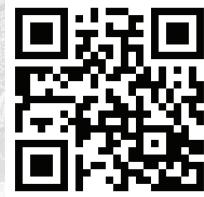
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