MISSOURI GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSE LAW

**AGE 18 (or within 30 days before 18th birthday if otherwise eligible)**

**ELIGIBILITY**
- Possess valid intermediate license
- Pass vision and road sign recognition tests
- No alcohol enforcement contacts or traffic convictions within last 12 months
- Driving privilege cannot be suspended, revoked, cancelled or denied

**GDL STEP THREE UNDER 21 FULL LICENSURE**

**RULES AND RESTRICTIONS**
- No restrictions

**LAWS FOR DRIVERS UNDER 21 APPLIES TO ALL STEPS OF GDL**
- Missouri law prohibits drivers 21 years of age and younger from sending, reading, or writing an electronic message while behind the wheel, including when stopped in traffic. The fine for texting while driving is $200. Two points will be assessed on the driving record for each conviction.
- Missouri has a zero alcohol and zero drug tolerance law. Zero tolerance in Missouri means anyone under 21 driving with a BAC of .02% or higher will have his or her license suspended for 90 days.

The Missouri GDL law is the minimum, not maximum standard. The goal should be to exceed what is in Missouri’s law to keep your teen safe during his or her most dangerous driving years.

**FIVE CRITICAL GDL STEPS THAT NEED TO BE ENFORCED**

1. **Increase practice driving hours.**
   40 hours of driving practice is the minimum with at least 10 hours occurring at night, but 100 hours is better.

2. **Limit nighttime driving.**
   Your teen may NOT drive alone between 1 am and 5 am.

3. **Limit passengers.**
   Only transport one passenger during first 6 months of independent driving.

4. **Enforce safety belt use.**
   Ensure the driver and all passengers wear safety belts.

5. **Create and enforce a Parent-Teen Driving Agreement.**
   Parents and teens work together to establish safe driving rules and the consequences for breaking the rules.

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