



VIRGINIA LICENSING CEREMONY

Judge [Name]

[County Name] Juvenile District Court

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Congratulations



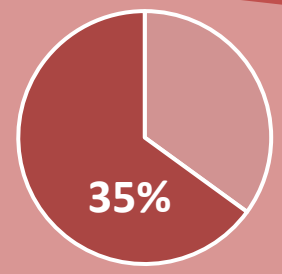


Driving is risky for **everyone**
However, teen drivers have
especially high crash risk





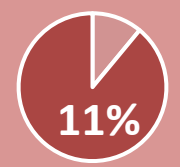
Leading causes of death for 12-19 year olds in the U.S.



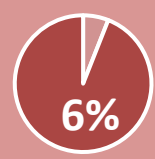
Car Crashes



Homicide




Suicide



Cancer



Other Unintentional Death


A photograph of two young Black women sitting in the front seats of a car. The woman in the foreground is looking out the window to the right with a focused expression. The woman in the background is also looking out the window and has her right hand raised, pointing towards the left. The background is a blurred green landscape.

Parents can help reduce
their teen's driving risk



Presentation goals

- Identify conditions that increase risk for new drivers
- Discuss ways to minimize risk for new drivers



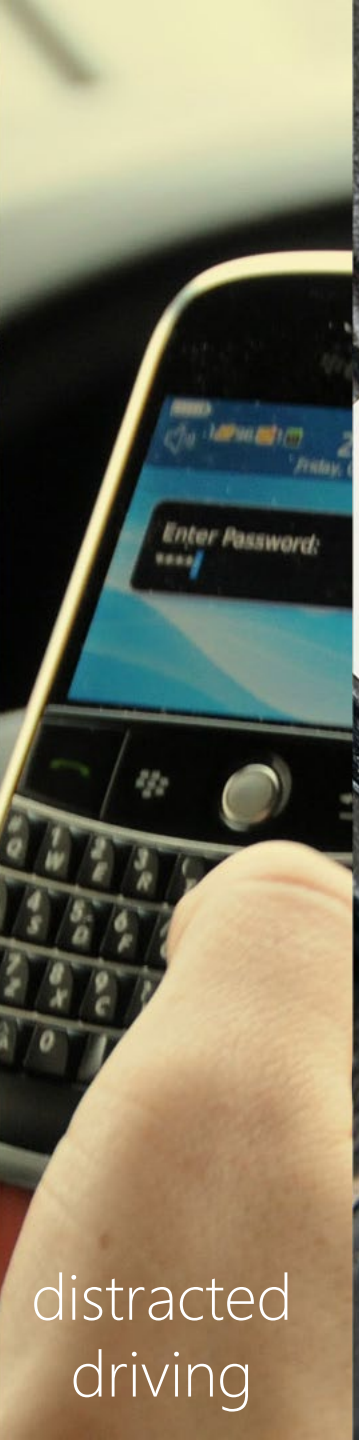
**What are the greatest
risk factors associated
with teen driving?**



speeding



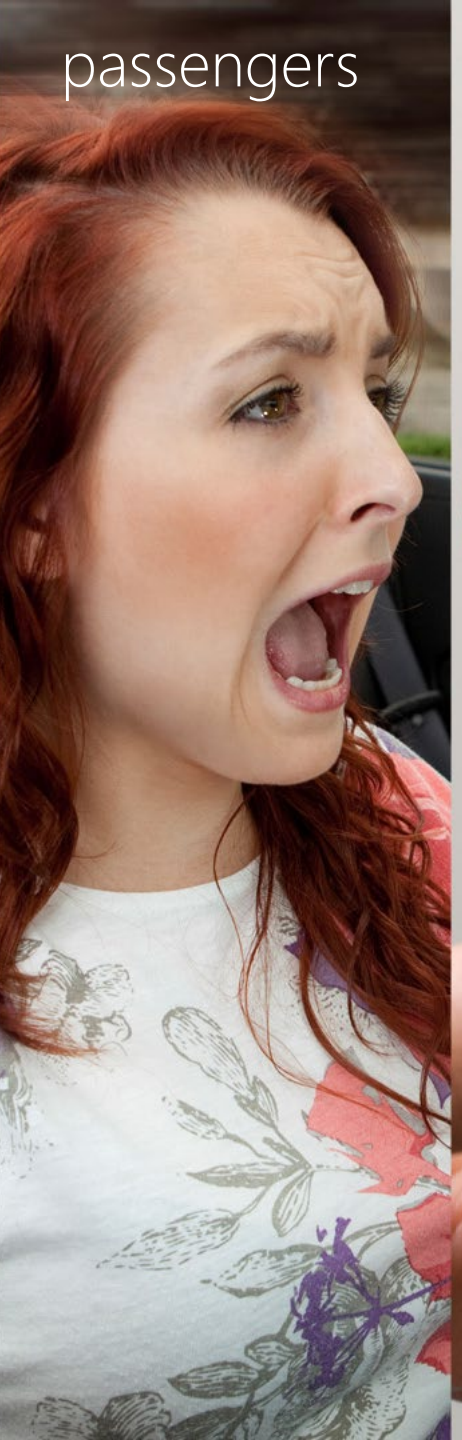
night driving



distracted driving



seatbelt non-use



passengers



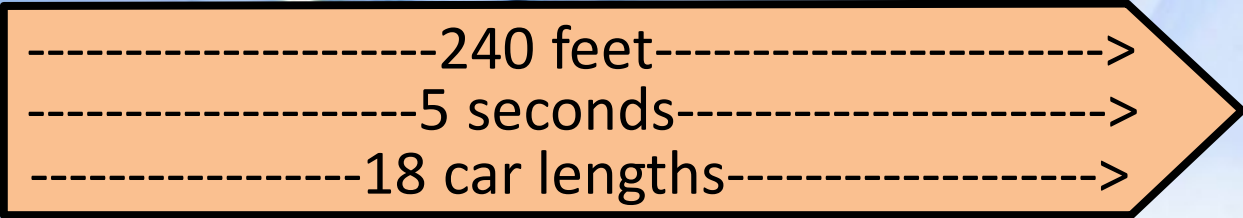
primary access to vehicle



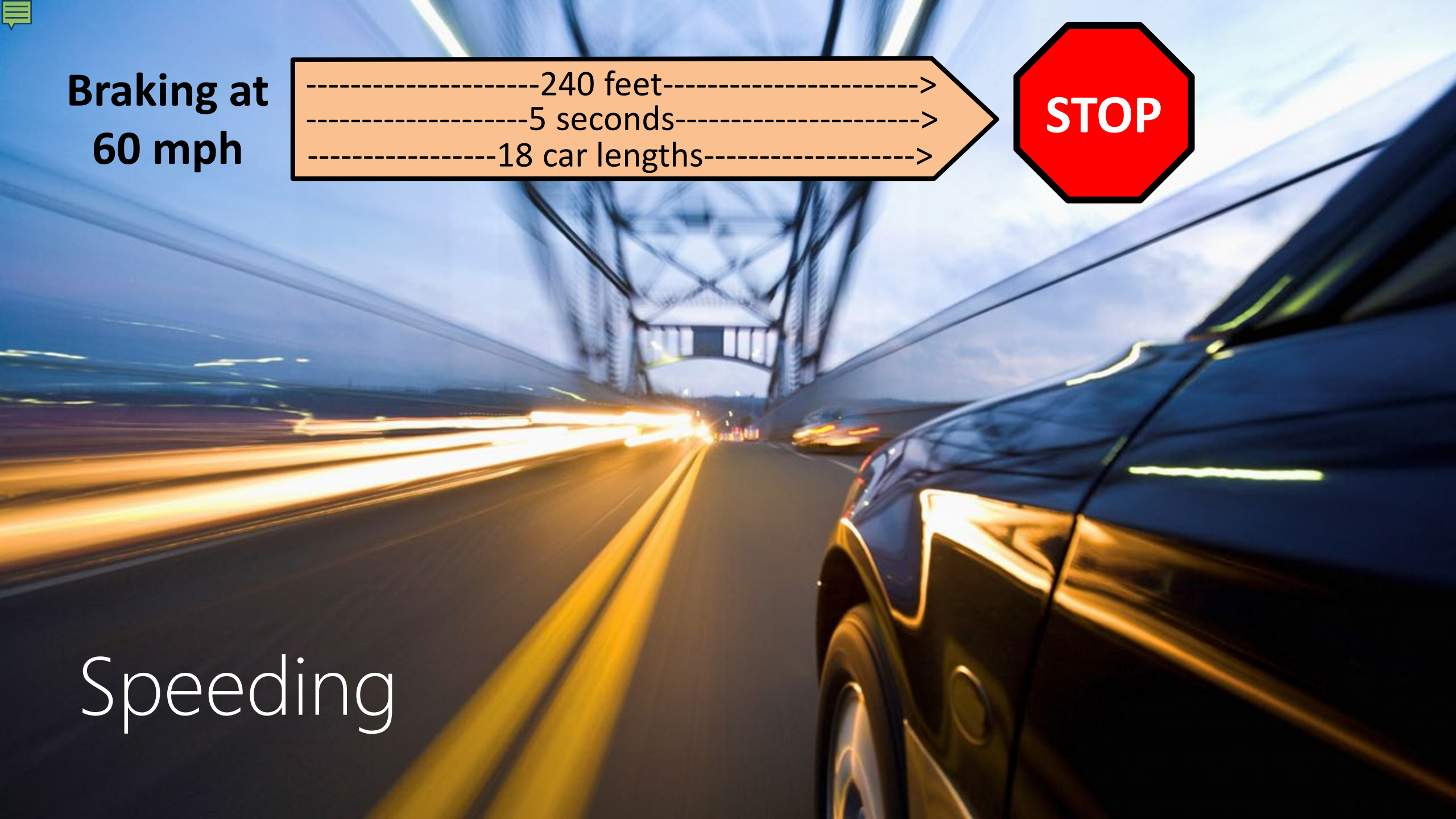
impaired driving



**Braking at
60 mph**

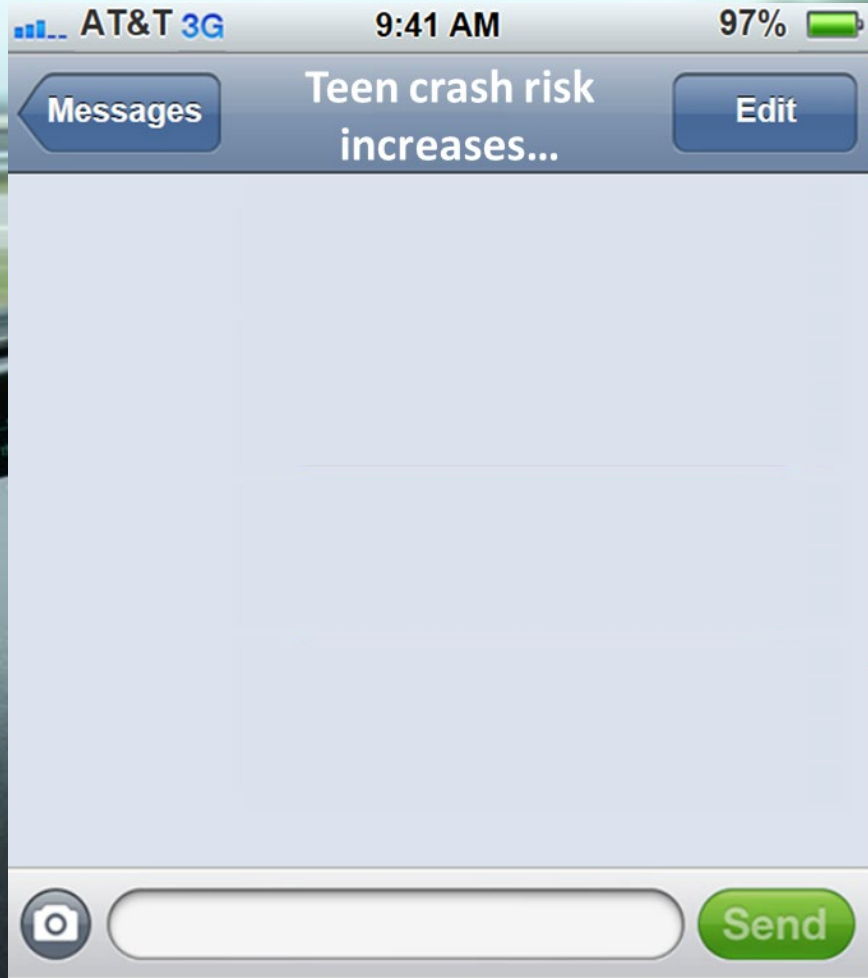


Speeding



Driving at Night





Distracted Driving





Seatbelt Non-use





Presence of Teen Passengers





Primary Access to a Vehicle



Impaired Driving



IMPAIRED DRIVING KILLS OVER 10,000

PEOPLE ON OUR ROADWAYS EACH YEAR.

Based on 2012 NHTSA data



**BUZZED DRIVING
IS DRUNK DRIVING**

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Reducing the Risks

Graduated Driver's Licensing (GDL)

1) Learner Stage:

- Minimum age:
15 years & 6 months
- Supervised driving:
45 hours (15 at night)
- Pass Driver's Ed
- Duration:
At least 9 months

2) Intermediate Stage:

- Minimum age:
16 years & 3 months
- Limited unsupervised driving in high-risk conditions

3) Full Privilege Stage:

- Minimum age:
18 years

Night driving:



No driving between
12am and 4am

Cell Phone Use:

All cell phone
use is illegal

Teen Passengers:

First year
of licensure:



After 1 year
of licensure:



Alcohol Use:

Zero tolerance

Driving with any alcohol in your system is illegal



Driving laws for licensed
drivers under 18



3000

U.S. Fatal crashes of 16-17 year olds

2500

2,667

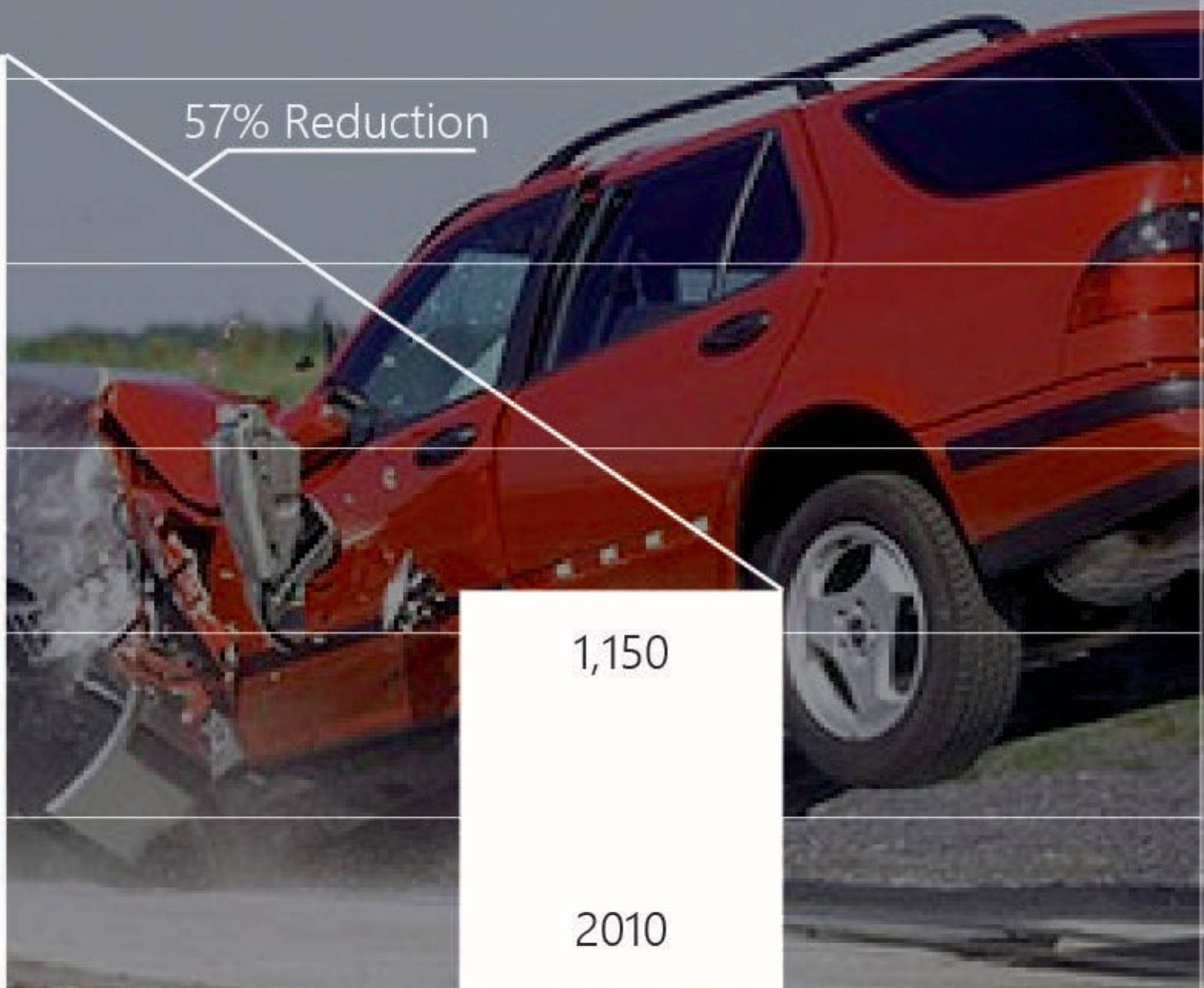
57% Reduction

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1500

1000

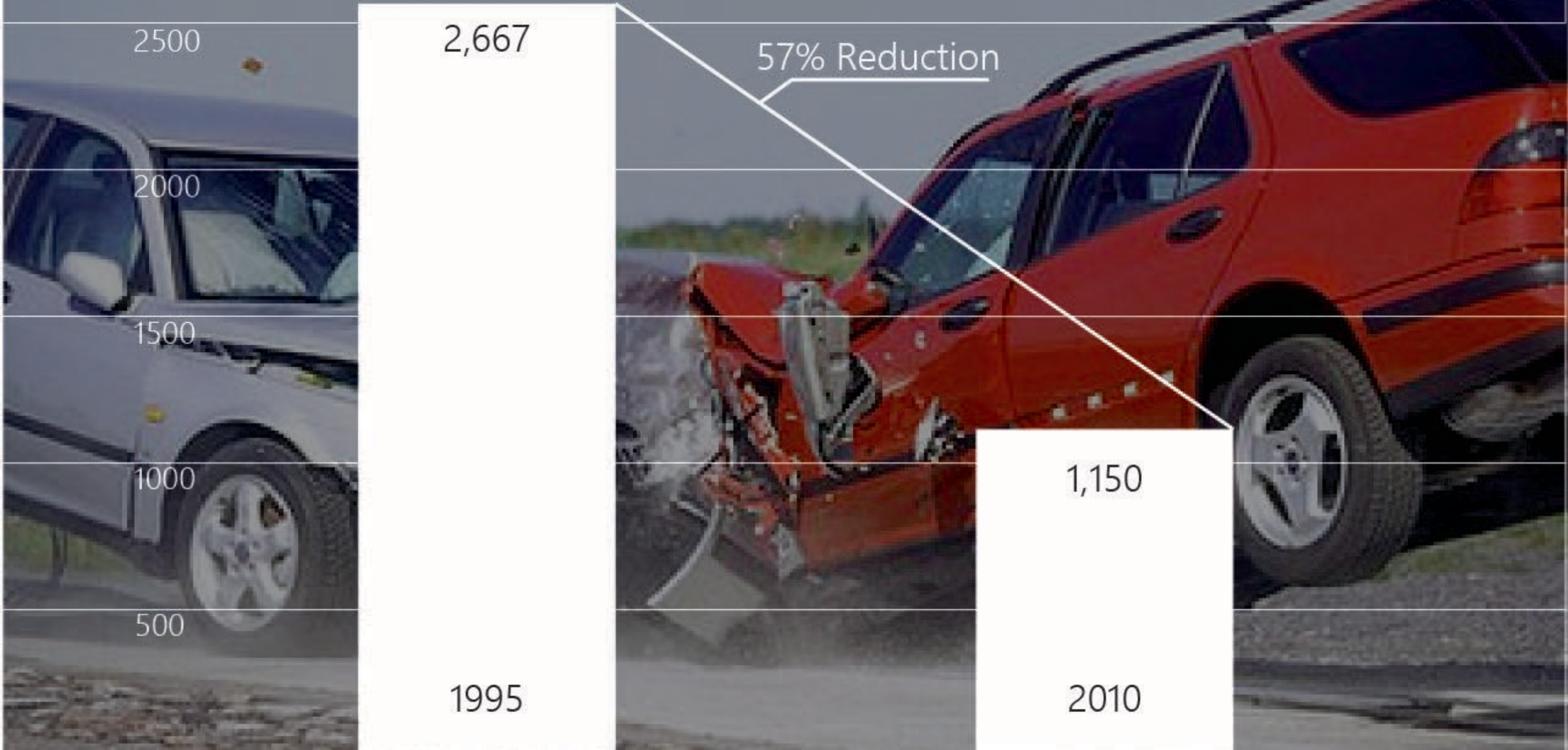
500



1995

1,150

2010



Age: 15-19	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Injuries	13218	13890	14283	13366	12579
Fatalities	109	101	114	96	75

Source: Virginia Department of Motor vehicles



Parental influence





Parent-Teen Driving Agreements (PTDAs)





Unsupervised Driving Privileges

Privileges
Nighttime Driving
Teen Passengers – Daytime – Nighttime
Weather – Daytime – Nighttime
Mobile Phone Use
Road Types – Daytime – Evening
Next Review Date

➤ Outline Driving Rules and Consequences

Read, discuss, and put into effect each rule.

Check in With a Parent Every Time You Drive

- ✓ Tell parent where you are going, of any passengers who will be with you, and when you will return.
- ✓ Call home if you will be more than _____ minutes late.
- ✓ Call home if your plans change while you are out.
- ✓ Call home if you cannot get home safely.

Do Not Take Unnecessary Risks While Driving

- ✓ No playing around with passengers or messing around with the radio.
- ✓ No texting or talking on a cell phone while the car is in motion.
- ✓ Do not drive when overly tired, angry, or upset.
- ✓ Do not put yourself or others at increased risk by making unnecessary trips in adverse weather.

Obey All Traffic Laws and Signs

- ✓ Never use alcohol or other drugs and drive.
- ✓ Never ride with a person who is driving after using alcohol or other drugs.
- ✓ Never ride in a car where any alcohol or drug use is occurring.
- ✓ Always wear your seat belt at all times – whether you are the driver or a passenger.
- ✓ Always have every passenger wear a seat belt.
- ✓ Do not drive aggressively (e.g., speeding, tailgating, or cutting others off).



Example Violation	Consequences
Came home more than ____ minutes late without calling.	Lose driving privileges for _____ months/years Other: _____
Had more passengers in the car than allowed.	Lose driving privileges for _____ months/years Other: _____
Didn't make all passengers wear seat belts.	Lose driving privileges for _____ months/years Other: _____
Used cell phone without a hands-free device while driving.	Lose driving privileges for _____ months/years Other: _____
Got a ticket for speeding.	Lose driving privileges for _____ months/years Other: _____
Lied about where s/he was going with the car.	Lose driving privileges for _____ months/years Other: _____
Used alcohol or other drugs and drove.	Lose driving privileges for _____ months/years Other: _____
Other: _____	Lose driving privileges for _____ months/years Other: _____

We agree to the above privileges and restrictions outline in this document.

Parent Signature

Date

Teen Signature

Date

Date for Follow Up Review



Welcome to the Checkpoints Program!

Username Password Remember me [SIGN IN](#)

How the saferdrivingforteens.org website works

Worried about your Teen driving?

0:01 / 0:39

Making Your Teen Driver Safer

Driving safely takes years of experience. Parent involvement makes your teen a safer driver.



COMMUNICATE

Talk effectively with your teen about being a safe driver.



SIGN UP / SIGN IN

Sign up to use the free, research-based Parent-Teen Driving Agreement. Make your teen



PROGRESS

Help your teen continue safely by revisiting your Parent-Teen Driving Agreement.



Teen driving risks:

1. Speeding
2. Night Driving
3. Distracted Driving
4. Seatbelt Non-use
5. Passengers
6. Primary Access to a Vehicle
7. Impaired

Minimize the risks:

- Keep driving with your teens after licensure.

