



## October 17, 2017 is Montana Teen Driver Safety Day!

*Third Tuesday in October (MCA 1-1-229)*

Montana Teen Driver Safety Day is the third Tuesday in October during National Teen Driver Safety Week. Proclaimed by the Montana State Legislature in 2009, its mission is to bring teens, community leaders, educators, and parents together to prevent young driver crashes, the leading cause of death for teens.

**What can you do?** If you're a **teen**, you can reach out to your peers, encouraging safe driving habits and celebrating smart, safe choices, like buckling up every time, putting your phone away, and driving alert and aware. If you're a **parent**, you can be actively involved, helping your teen remember safety rules and watching videos together about the real-life consequences of driving decisions. And if you're a **teacher** or **community leader** or **business owner**, you can celebrate safe teen driving by showing videos during lunch breaks and posting messages on social media, reader boards, newsletters, and bulletin boards.

***Everyone benefits from safe drivers.  
Celebrate Montana Teen Driver Safety Day!***



One text or call can wreck it all.  
[Distraction.gov](http://Distraction.gov)

### **Adults: Be a good role model. Teens are watching us.**

Always wear your seat belt, make sure all passengers are buckled up, be rested and alert, and pay attention while driving. Put away your phone. Our children grow up watching us drive. Your good driving habits become their good driving habits.

### **Spread safety messages via social media, reader boards, and school announcements.**

- *Buckle up. Every trip, every time, everyone.*
- *Don't be a back-seat bullet. Front seat or back, always buckle up.*
- *We want to see you again. Drive Safely.*
- *Distractions are dangerous! Stay focused, stay in your lane.*
- *Two eyes on the road and two hands on the wheel.*
- *Stop the texts – Stop the wrecks!*
- *Hit a HOME run. Keep your eyes on the road.*
- *Texting? Hang up and drive!*
- *You can't fool physics. Slow down.*
- *Be a good role model. Drive Safely. Our kids are watching.*
- *Ride Like a Friend. Drive Like You Care.*
- *Celebrate Teen Driver Safety Day, October 17!*



The **Montana Office of Public Instruction – Traffic Education Office** manages teen driver education for the State of Montana and provides resources for teen drivers, their families and driver education instructors. Contact the Traffic Education Office by phone: (406) 444-4432 or email: [pborneman@mt.gov](mailto:pborneman@mt.gov).