

SPOKANE COUNTY TARGET ZERO TASK FORCE

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In Washington State young drivers, aged 16-25 years old make up 13.5% of the population but are involved in 31% of all fatalities and 34% of all serious injuries between 2015 -2017.

Between 2015 –2017 young drivers were involved in crashes that resulted in 2,243 serious injuries and 512 fatalities. More than 100 young people die each year on Washington Roads.

While the speed of a vehicle is a factor in all crashes, the majority of drivers still view speeding as dangerous. A national survey of drivers conducted by the Governors Highway Safety Association (2017) found that 79.3% of drivers indicate that speeding on a freeway is dangerous and about 88% of drivers view speeding on a residential street as dangerous. In a separate study by AAA foundation for Traffic Safety, 86% of drivers report that speeding through a red light is very or extremely dangerous.

No matter what your age, when you are out enjoying the warmer weather and driving, join the majority of drivers on the roadways and do your part by choosing to drive the speed limit and help keep all roadway users safe.

What parents need to know:

Parents play an important role in teaching teens to drive. In a study conducted by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia research found that compared to teens who perceive their parents as uninvolved, teens who perceive their parents as authoritative are half as likely to crash, 71% less likely to drive intoxicated, and 30% less likely to use a cell phone when driving. These same teens are 50% more likely to buckle up and recognize why doing so is important.

Because of this, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and DOL developed a resource page for parents of your drivers to share positive actions they can take to help educate and encourage safety behavior from their teen drivers.

[Young Drivers - WA Drive to Zero](#)

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zero deaths and serious injuries on Washington's roadways by 2030