

1. Teenage (Inexperienced) Driver Crashes

Overview

Teenage drivers are involved in 26% of all crashes and 18% of severe crashes in Washington County. Statewide teenage drivers are involved in 21% of all crashes and 17% of severe crashes, putting Washington County above the statewide average. The distribution of attributes relating to the crashes in which teenage drivers are involved is very similar to that of the crashes in which non-teenage drivers are involved. Among the 10 Safety Profiles, teenage driver crashes represent the largest number of severe crashes.

Key Statistics for Teenage Driver Crashes in Washington County

- ✓ 103 people were killed or seriously injured in Washington County.
- ✓ 18% of all severe crashes in Washington County.
- ✓ 26% of all crashes in Washington County.

Key Statistics for Teenage Driver Crashes in the Top 150 Segments of the HIN

- ✓ 2,707 total crashes.
- ✓ 2% of Teenage Driver crashes are severe.
- \checkmark 65 people killed or seriously injured.

Rank of Contributing Severe Crash Factors for Teenage Driver Crashes

- ✓ 80% occurred in urban areas.
- ✓ 48% were intersection related.
- ✓ 44% were single vehicle crashes.
- ✓ 35% involved a left- or U-turn.
- \checkmark 31% involved a collision with a fixed object.
- ✓ 31% were angle crashes.
- ✓ 26% involved a rollover or overturn.
- ✓ 26% occurred during night/dark conditions.

Note: Speeding and distracted driving are generally underreported in crash data. All crash factors data is from the top 150 High Injury Network segments in Washington County, Utah for the years 2018 - 2022.



Systemic Countermeasures

Countermeasure	Tier 1 – Remove Severe Conflicts in Space	Tier 2 – Reduce Vehicle Speed	Tier 3 – Manage Conflicts in Time	Tier 4 – Increase Attentiveness and Awareness
Establish Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws, including ⁽³⁾ : -GDL learner's permit and intermediate passenger license restrictions, -Graduated Driver Licensing, intermediate passenger restrictions, -GDL cell phone restrictions, -GDL seat belt use requirements, -Pre-licensure driver education, -Parental role in teaching and managing young drivers.				X
 National Best Practices should be implemented⁽²⁾: <u>Education</u> -Support overall teen driver education. -Support continued innovation in driver education methods. -Explore partnering with private driver education or involve teens and parents in local Parent Nights. -Reach the goal of 100% of public High Schools receiving Parent Night presentations. -Provide peer leader training, education and outreach to high schools. 				X



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-Educating parents and teen drivers on the enforcing of Utah's Graduated Driver License laws.				
-Educate teens on how to drive safely around big trucks through the Truck Smart program.				
-Promote the "Alive at 25" program.				
-Educate on Utah's "Not a Drop" law, which prohibits anyone under the age of 21 from drinking alcohol. -Begin efforts for a Teen Education Safety Summit.				
Enforcement				
-Support and enforce the Graduated Driver License laws.				
-Encourage enforcement of distracted teen driver laws.				
Emergency Medical Services				
-Engage local emergency medical service providers and hospitals in local educational programs.				
Review what Drivers Ed program covers and does not cover, document and work with cities/state to implement changes				x
Provide Awareness of parents' roles in teaching children driving practices				x
Partnership with insurance companies, use options to educate teen drivers, encourage safe driving, and incorporate speed tracking		x		x



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Safe Routes to high schools for better active transportation	x	x	x	x

Countermeasure Sources

- (1) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Proven Countermeasures
- (2) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- (3) Utah Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)



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