

SAFETY CORNER

100 Deadliest Days

According to AAA, Memorial Day marks the beginning of the 100 deadliest days for teen drivers. The time period between Memorial Day and Labor Day sees a 15% increase in deadly teen driving crashes. Keep your teen safe with this advice:

Have conversations with your teens early and often about speeding, distracted driving and drinking and driving.

Don't let teens take other teen passengers until they have driven numerous hours. (Some states do not allow teen passengers until a certain number of months.) Sixty percent of all teen accidents are due to distractions — 15% of them being other passengers and 12% being cell phones.

Give them permission to call you without repercussions if they had too much to drink.

Wear your seatbelt and insist that teens wear their seatbelts. In 2015, 60% of teen drivers killed in a crash were not wearing seatbelts.

Teach by example. Eliminate risky driving, including speeding and distracted driving.

