

New York State Junior Drivers / Graduated Licensing Law

LEARNER PERMITS

Drivers with a Learner Permit may not drive unless accompanied by a licensed driver over age 21. They may also not drive in a road test area; within a park in New York City; on the Cross County, Hutchinson River, Saw Mill River or Taconic State Parkways in Westchester County or on any TBTA bridge or tunnel.

JUNIOR DRIVERS

A junior driver may not drive:

- With more than two passengers under the age of 21 unless they are immediate family members unless your accompanying driver is a parent or guardian or drivers' ed teacher.
- Unless driver and every passenger is seatbelted (kids under 4 must be in carseats)
- Unless accompanied by a properly licensed driver over the age of 21. May ONLY drive unaccompanied directly between HOME and work; a work-study program, college course; evening high school; drivers' education class or in farm employment.
- Between the hours of 9PM to 5 AM (except in upstate counties) unless it is from one of the above permitted activities.
- For 60 days for any conviction of a traffic violation of 3 points or more or two violations of two points or fewer.

PROOF OF EMPLOYMENT: If a junior driver is driving from home to work, they must have in their possession a Certificate of Employment (DMV form MV-58A) or a letter from your employer which must be dated; contain the employer's name, address and telephone number; the junior driver's name, date of birth, license number; job description; days, hours and location of work and the address and phone number where the employer may be contacted to verify all of the above. The junior driver MAY NOT drive during work and may not drive as part of their job function (e.g. delivering pizzas).

SENIOR DRIVER AT AGE 17: A 17 year old with a junior driver license may obtain a senior driver license provided they have previously completed a state-approved driver education course. The 17 year old need only bring the Student Certificate of Completion (DMV form MV- 285) and their junior license to any DMV office. If you have a junior learner permit, they can bring the Student Certificate of Completion to the road test and give it to the examiner. If they pass the road test, they will automatically receive the senior license upon turning 17.

QUESTIONS?: Call Susan Kuschel at the Law Squad at 516-746-0459 or go to the DMV website at nysdmv.state.ny.us

