



# Newport Police Department

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## *Incident: New Driver's and Provisional Driver's License*

Every year many of our local teenagers receive their drivers' licenses, and the privilege of driving in our community. Passing the required test, and earning a driver's license, comes with certain restrictions and increased responsibility.

Today, Oregon law requires that all driver license holders under the age of 18 receive a provisional license. A provisional license has restrictions that must be strictly followed. The Newport Police Department would like to remind parents and new drivers that Oregon law requires the following of all provisional license holders under the age of 18:

### **First Six Months**

- You cannot drive with a passenger under age 20 who is not a member of your immediate family; **and**
- You cannot drive between midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless you are
  - ◇◇ Driving between home and work; or
  - ◇◇ Driving between home and a school event for which there is no other transportation available; or
  - ◇◇ Driving for employment purposes; or
  - ◇◇ Accompanied by a license driver who is at least 25 years of age.

### **Second Six Months**

- You cannot drive with more than three passengers who are under age 20 who are not members of your immediate family; **and**
- You cannot drive between midnight and 5:00 a.m. unless you are
  - ◇◇ Driving between home and work; or

- ◇◇Driving between home and a school event for which there is no other transportation available; or
- ◇◇Driving for employment purposes; or
- ◇◇Accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 25 years of age.

Any driver under the age of 18 cannot operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device, including talking on a cell phone and texting. Hands-free accessories are not allowed.

Possession of an Oregon Driver's License is a privilege, not a right. Provisional drivers' license holders that drive outside the restrictions of a provisional license may be issued a citation for Operating a Vehicle in Violation of License Restrictions. This offense is a Class B Traffic Violation, and carries a base fine of \$242.00.

The Newport Police Department encourages parents and teens to review the Oregon Parent Guide to Teen Driving published by ODOT. The guide may be viewed at <http://www.odot.state.or.us/forms/dmv/7190.pdf>

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