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Discuss and enforce these rules with your young driver before handing over the keys.

- No cell phone use.
- No extra passengers.
- No speeding.
- No alcohol.
- No driving or riding without a seat belt.

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Levels of Limited Licensing

Learning how to drive safely requires a lot of instruction, practice, and exposure. The Graduated Driver Licensing program was put in place to ensure that North Carolina teens build the experience needed to travel safely on our roads.

Level 1: Learner’s Permit

1. Drive with a **Supervisor**
   - Who can supervise?
     - Parent or Legal Guardian
     - Grandparent
     - Adult approved by Parent/Guardian
   - Supervisor must be:
     - Licensed 5 years or more
     - Seated next to driver

2. Only drive from 5am-9pm
   - 5 AM → 9 PM
   - For the first 6 months

3. No technology use
   - Phone
   - GPS

4. No moving violations or seat belt or phone infractions
   - At least 10 hours driving at night
   - Supervisor must sign for all hours in DMV Driving Log
   - No more than 10 hours per week

To Advance to Level 2:

1. Must Complete at least 60 hours of supervised driving
   - At least 10 hours driving at night
   - Supervisor must sign for all hours in DMV Driving Log
   - No more than 10 hours per week

2. Be at least 16 years old

3. Have your Learner’s Permit for one year

4. No moving violations or seat belt or phone infractions

5. Pass the road test

Level 2: Limited Provisional License

1. Drive unsupervised from 5am-9pm*
   - 5 AM → 9 PM
   - *Or when driving directly from work

2. No more than one passenger under 21 years old

3. No technology use
   - Phone
   - GPS