

Washington State Intermediate Driver License (IDL) Guidelines

IDL requirements are designed to improve the safety and ability of drivers aged 16 and 17.

Hours of Driving

From issue date until age 18

No driving between 1 AM and 5 AM unless accompanied by parent, guardian, or licensed driver at least age 25.

Passengers

First 6 months

No passengers under age 20 except immediate family members.

After 6 months until age 18

No more than 3 passengers under age 20 except immediate family members.

Cell Phone Use

From issue date until age 18

Teens with intermediate driver licenses or learner permits may not use a wireless device at all while driving, including hands-free devices, unless they are reporting an emergency.

Penalties

Receiving a traffic ticket or involvement in a crash is a violation of the IDL:

First Violation

- Passenger and nighttime restrictions will apply until you're 18
- A warning letter sent to you and parent or guardian

Second Violation

- 6-month license suspension (or until age 18, if comes first)
- Notice of suspension sent to parent or guardian

Third Violation

- Suspension of license until age 18
- Notice of suspension sent to parent or guardian

Exceptions For exceptions, see RCW 46.20.075.