Montana Graduated Driver License Violation Codes

MCA 61-5-106 and MCA 61-5-131 through 61-5-134
Applicable to teen drivers under age 18
Driving with a permit requiring parent supervision or first year license

Teen Driving Permit Restrictions

**TEP – Traffic Education Permit**
MCA 61-5-106(3)(b) V1032
Valid only to drive with approved traffic education instructor during driver education class

**TELL – Traffic Education Learner License**
MCA 61-5-106(2) V1031
Valid for one year to drive only with traffic education instructor, licensed parent or legal guardian

**Instruction Permit/Learner License**
MCA 61-5-106(1) V1030
Valid for one year to drive only with licensed parent, legal guardian or licensed adult driver authorized by parent

GDL 6 Month Requirements MCA 61-5-132

1. 6 months and 50 hours of supervised driving experience - 10 hours must be at night
2. No traffic, alcohol or drug violations
   Parent/legal guardian must certify the teen has a six month conviction-free record for traffic, alcohol or drug violations and has no pending traffic, alcohol or drug citations

The GDL Permit Phase will be extended for six months or until age 18 if there are any traffic, alcohol or drug violations including MIP or seatbelt violations.

GDL Restricted License – MCA 61-5-133
Valid One Year or Until Age 18 V1063

**PASSENGERS**
First 6 months - only one unrelated passenger
Second 6 months- up to three unrelated passengers
Check Special Restrictions date on back of DL

**NIGHT DRIVING**
No driving between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
Exceptions to night driving restrictions include emergencies, travel to and from school, church or work and farm related activities

**Seat Belts Required** MCA 61-13-103 V7363
Each occupant must wear a seat belt

**GDL VIOLATIONS** MCA 61-5-134 V1064

**First Penalty – Community Service**
A person convicted under this section shall perform not less than 20 hours, or more than 60 hours, of community service

**Second Conviction - License Suspension**
Upon receipt of a report of a second or subsequent conviction for violation of the restricted license, the teen driver's license will be suspended for 6 months
A probationary driver's license may not be issued during the period of suspension

Montana Buckle Up Laws - Driver is Cited

All Occupants MCA 61-13-103 V7363
Must wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt or child restraint
Exemptions: Medical Condition (written statement from physician)
All seat belts in use by other occupants

Young Children MCA 61-9-420 V7361
Until at least 6 years old AND 60 pounds Children must ride in properly used child restraints that are appropriate for their height and weight as indicated by manufacturer standards. Find child safety seat information - http://buckleup.mt.gov/children
From 2008 through 2010, over 3000 vehicle occupants received fatal or incapacitating (life-changing) injuries. Of those, over 50% were not wearing a restraint and over 20% were either totally or partially ejected from the vehicle.

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2008 – 2010 Crash Report Data