

Information for parents about safer driving

Parents have a vital role in keeping young drivers safe as new analysis reveals the scale of casualties. Please find below resources and statistics about supporting our young people to become safe drivers.

More than 23,000 people have been killed or seriously injured in crashes involving young drivers in the last five years - with weekends, evenings and rural roads presenting particular risks.

Parents of young drivers are being encouraged to stay involved in their children's driving while they're learning and in the months after they pass their test - with experts saying their support can play a vital role in keeping them safe.

The call comes as new analysis reveals more than 23,000 people have been killed or seriously injured in crashes involving a young car driver aged 17-24 in Great Britain in the last five years.

The Department for Transport's road casualty data from 2021 to 2025 shows that around 6,600 were young drivers themselves and almost 4,900 were passengers in cars driven by young drivers.

Nearly 11,900 - more than half - were other casualties, including occupants of other vehicles, pedestrians and other road users.

The analysis forms part of the Operation Spotlight on Young Drivers, a three-week national campaign led by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), working with the National Fire Chiefs' Council, Protect Young Drivers and road safety data specialists Agilysis.

Running from 14 September to 4 October, the operation will bring together police enforcement, education and public engagement to tackle young driver risk and help reduce deaths and serious injuries.

The campaign coincides with young people returning to school, college, university and work following the summer, while evenings begin to draw in and driving conditions start to change.

The analysis identified clear patterns in the most serious young driver collisions, with weekends, evenings and night-time driving presenting particular risks.

Saturday recorded the highest average number of young drivers involved in collisions resulting in death or serious injury.

Twice as many young drivers were involved in fatal collisions on rural roads as on urban roads, while young people living in rural areas were involved in collisions at almost twice the rate per head of population - 74 per 100,000 compared with 38 per 100,000 for their urban counterparts.

Almost a third of young drivers involved in collisions resulting in death or serious injury were involved in single-vehicle crashes, compared with 23% of car drivers overall.

Two-thirds of the young car drivers involved in KSI collisions were male.

Evidence shows parents can have an important influence before, during and after their child learns to drive, helping young people recognise and manage risk and build experience more safely.

Protect Young Drivers says this continued involvement is particularly important once a young person begins driving independently and encounters situations they may have relatively little experience of – including driving at night, carrying friends and navigating rural roads.

Additional background information:

- [A Safer Start for Young Drivers | Protect Young Drivers](#)
- [FAQs | Protect Young Drivers](#)

Resources:

Useful online free resources for parents and young drivers:

- [Support Your Young Driver Every Step of the Way](#)
- [progress-to-pass-scorecard-v3-editable.pdf](#)
- [guide-for-parents-final-june-2026.pdf](#)
- [iam-parent-young-driver-agreement-v2-editable.pdf](#)

Recommendations:

Research what added benefits different types of insurance options can help reduce young driver risk, and additional benefits such as alerting emergency services in the event of a serious crash to reduce response times.

A telematics option with feedback to the driver is likely to help prevent crashes and reduce insurance costs.