A 16-year-old can't see an NC-17 rated movie, drink alcohol or vote.



BUT DRIVE A 5,000 POUND VEHICLE AT 60 MPH? THAT'S OK.



In this country, you have to be 18 to vote, 21 to drink and 17 or older to see a film with an NC-17 rating. But you only have to be 16 to get a driver's license.

No one knows exactly when a teenager crosses the line from being a child to being an adult. And while some 16-year-olds seem wise beyond their years, their decisions behind the wheel aren't always very bright. Crash rates for 16-year-old drivers are three times greater than 17-year-olds and five times greater than 18-year-olds.

Allstate and The Allstate Foundation believe that the ability to drive is best learned through experience. Which is why Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws are a promising solution to teen crashes.

GDL laws help new drivers get on-the-road experience by using a phased approach with lower-risk conditions. They also restrict nighttime driving and reduce the number of passengers in cars with teen drivers—two major contributors to teen fatalities. Since implementing one of the most comprehensive GDL laws in the country, North Carolina has seen a 25% decline in crashes involving 16-year-olds.

GDL laws are a way to help 16-year-old drivers survive their first year and become 17- and 18-year-old drivers. Find out what the GDL laws are in your state at Allstate.com/teen. Help enforce them—and if they aren't strong enough, ask your legislator to strengthen them.

Before our teens can start acting like adults, we need to help them actually become adults.

It's time to make the world a safer place to drive.

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