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### Worst States for Teen Drivers Ranked

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A recent poll conducted by End Needless Death on Our Roadways (END) and the National Safety Council found that Washington, D.C. is less safe than any state in the country for drivers aged 16 to 20 years old. In 2003, there were 127 fatalities for every 100,000 drivers in this age bracket in Washington, D.C.

The statistics, provided by NHTSA and the Federal Highway Administration, found the least safe states for teen drivers to be North Carolina, Mississippi, Delaware and Louisiana.

Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts were found to have the lowest rates of teen driving fatalities in 2003 after New Hampshire, in which 35.8 teens were killed for every 100,000 16- to 20-year-olds on the road.

According to CNN, END and the National Safety Council urge parents to require their children to spend at least 30 to 50 hours driving under supervision before they go out on their own as well as restrict the number of passengers that their teens can drive with. END and the National Safety Council also recommend that parents revoke driving privileges if they catch their children drinking alcohol.

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