

HELPFUL NUMBERS

For information on licensing / advisement for reinstatement, contact:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (local office)
Northeast Ohio Regional Service Center
242 Federal Plaza West
Youngstown, OH 44503
330.797.5550

To obtain an abstract of your child's driving record, pick up a form at the Youngstown Regional Service Center (see local office address above) and send it completed with \$2.00 to:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (state office)
ATTN: Abstract Department
P.O. Box 16520
Columbus, OH 43266
614.752.7600

For information on a remedial driving course for persons accumulating 6 - 11 points, call:

Safety Council of Northeastern Ohio
330.747.8657

For other questions, contact:

Mahoning County Juvenile Court - Traffic
Clerk 330.740.2244 ext. 6427

Don't forget to also address questions to your insurance agent!

PARENT SURVIVAL KIT

*What every parent / cosigner
should know about...*

CONTROLLING A TEENAGE DRIVER



Judge Theresa Dellick

**Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Court Division**

300 East Scott Street
Youngstown, OH 44505

330.740.2244

**MAHONING COUNTY COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS**

**JUVENILE COURT DIVISION
THERESA DELLICK**

Judge

Dear Parents / Guardians:

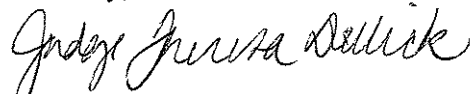
This Parent Survival Kit was put together to help you understand your rights and responsibilities as a cosigner and to control your teen's driving.

Included are the following items:

- √ A "Conditions for the Privilege of Driving" page, to help you and your teen discuss and outline driving responsibilities;
- √ A list of local curfews, to help you establish curfew rules;
- √ A copy of Ohio Law, O.R.C. §4507.07, to make sure you are aware of your responsibilities as a cosigner and your right to resign cosignership;
- √ House Bill 343 information with teen driving restrictions
- √ A review of Ohio's Financial Responsibility (Insurance) Requirements.
- √ Teen texting laws
- √ A summary of Ohio's Point Law and new laws for license suspension and reinstatement; and
- √ Next of Kin Emergency Contact Information
- √ Instructions to follow should you be dissatisfied with your young person's driving and want to take his/her license away.

Mahoning County Juvenile Court wants parents to know that it supports their decisions regarding young persons. Good luck with licensing your new driver.

Sincerely,



Judge Theresa Dellick

COSIGNER RELEASE FORM

Today's date

Cosigner's name and address

Re: _____
Child's name Date of Birth

If available, also list child's:

Social Security #: _____
Ohio Driver's License #: _____

Dear Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

I am writing to withdraw my consent as a cosigner for _____
I no longer want to be held responsible because of his/her behavior and wish to cancel the license.

Sincerely,

Parent/Cosigner's Name & Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a notary public, this _____
day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

RESIGNING COSIGNERSHIP

CAN YOU TAKE THE LICENSE AWAY?

YES, YOU CAN!

This court realizes that not all persons under age 18 are ready to handle the serious responsibility of being a competent driver. Although youths may appear ready, actions speak for themselves.

When your young person received his/her driver's license, you cosigned, agreeing to assume liability. Just as easily as you cosigned, the privilege can be taken away. If you are dissatisfied with your young person's driving and no longer want to be held responsible for his/her actions, follow the three steps below:

TO CANCEL A LICENSE:

1. Tear out the adjacent letter. Fill in the blank spaces.
2. Have the letter notarized.
3. Send the notarized letter, along with your child's license (if possible), to:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles
ATTN: Administrative License Suspension Dept.
P.O. Box 16520
Columbus, OH 43266

4. Tell your child his/her license has been cancelled and that he/she no longer has driving privileges.

CONDITIONS FOR THE PRIVILEGES OF DRIVING

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

RESPONSIBILITIES OF NEW DRIVERS:

1. Maintain a "B" average
2. Help keep vehicles clean
3. Help pay insurance and fuel costs
4. Always wear a seatbelt
5. Obey traffic laws
6. Never use a cell phone or text while driving
7. Follow house rules
8. Abide by curfew regulations
9. _____

I realize that if I abuse any portion of this agreement, my

driving privileges will be taken away for a said amount of time

as determined by my parent (s) / cosigner.

Driver's Signature

Date

Parent/Cosigner's Signature

Date

CURFEWS

LOCALITIES	AGE	EVENING CURFEW DAYS AND TIMES
Austintown Twp.	Under 18 years	All days 11:00 pm
Beaver Twp.	Under 18 years	All days 11:00 pm
Boardman Twp.	Under 18 years	All days 12:00 midnight
Campbell	Under 18 years	All days 10:00 pm
Canfield	Under 18 years	Sunday - Thursday 10:00 pm Friday - Saturday 11:30 pm
Coitsville Twp.	Under 18 years	All days 11:00 pm
Craig Beach	Under 11 years 12 - 13 years 14 - 17 years	All days 10:00 pm All days 10:30 pm All days 11:00 pm
Lowellville	Under 18 years	Sunday - Thursday 10:00 pm Friday - Saturday 11:00 pm All Summer days 11:00 pm
New Middletown	Under 18 years	Sunday - Thursday 10:00 pm Friday - Saturday 11:00 pm
North Jackson	Under 18 years	All days 11:00 pm
Poland Village	Under 18 years	All days 10:00 pm
Sebring	Under 18 years	All days 10:00 pm
Springfield Twp.	Under 18 years	All days 11:00 pm
Struthers	Under 18 years	All days 11:00 pm
Youngstown	Under 18 years	All days 11:00 pm

The Mahoning County curfew is 10:00 pm unless otherwise stated, but this does not mean, however, that a youth will not be picked up in late evening hours contrary to or in violation of the law.

In addition, any driver under the age of 17 cannot drive between the hours of 1:00 am - 5:00 am unless accompanied by a licensed parent or guardian (exceptions include official school functions, work, or an emergency)

NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM INFORMATION

The program features are:

- It's free. There is no fee to add contact information to your license/permit/ID record.
- Contact information will be stored in a secure database which holds Ohio driver license/ID information, accessed only by the Ohio BMV and law enforcement.
- For Ohioans age 18 and older, the contact person can be a relative, friend or co-worker. Those under 18 are required to have a parent or legal guardian as their primary contact.
- For children under the age of 15 with a state ID, parents are encouraged to sign up for the Next of Kin Registry. Two emergency contacts can be listed to be used by law enforcement in the event the child becomes lost or is reported missing.

To register, please visit the web site at: <http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/> for the Next of Kin/Emergency Contact Enrollment form and return it to your local Deputy Registrar or mail it to:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

ATTN: Verification Services

Document Management

P.O. Box 16520

Columbus, OH 43216-6520

NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM INFORMATION

Through the Emergency Contact Information - Next of Kin (N.O.K.) Program, Ohioans can identify persons they choose to be notified in the event they are involved in a motor vehicle crash leaving them unable to communicate with emergency medical responders. Those with a driver license, temporary permit or state ID have the option of adding emergency contact information to their record.

Legislation to create the Ohio N.O.K. database was initiated by two Ohio mothers dealing with tragedies who wanted to ensure someone could be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency.

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O.R.C § 4507.07 Licenses of minors; signature by an adult; identification required; notice of liability; not imputed where proof of financial responsibilities exists; exceptions to examination requirement

(A) The registration of motor vehicles shall not grant the application of any minor under eighteen years of age for a probationary license, or restricted license, unless the application is signed by one of his parents, his guardian, other person having custody of the applicant, or, if there is no parent or guardian, by a responsible person who is willing to assume the obligation imposed under this section.

At the time a minor under eighteen years of age submits an application for a license at a driver's license examining station, the adult who signs the application shall present identification establishing that he is the individual whose signature appears on the application. The registrar of motor vehicles shall prescribe, by rule, the types of identification that are suitable for the purposes of this paragraph. If the adult who signs the application does not provide identification as required by this paragraph, the application shall not be accepted.

When a minor under eighteen years of age applies for a probationary license or restricted license, the registrar of motor vehicles shall give the adult who signs the application notice of the potential liability that can be imputed to the adult pursuant to division (B) of this section and notice of how the adult can prevent any liability from being imputed to him pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(B) Any negligence, or willful or wanton misconduct, that is committed by a minor under eighteen years of age when driving a motor vehicle upon a highway shall be imputed to the person who has signed the application of the minor for a probationary license or restricted license, which person shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for any damages caused by the negligence or the willful or wanton damages caused by the negligence or the

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willful or wanton misconduct. This joint and several liability is not subject to division (D) of section 2315.19 of the Revised Code with respect to a negligence claim that otherwise is subject to that section.

There shall be no imputed liability imposed under this division, if a minor under eighteen years of age has proof of financial responsibility with respect to the operation of a motor vehicle owned by the minor or, if the minor is not the owner of a motor vehicle, in the form and in the amounts as required under Chapter 4509 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any person who has signed the application of a minor under eighteen years of age for a license may thereafter surrender to the registrar the license or permit to be canceled. The registrar shall then cancel the license or temporary permit, and the person who signed the application of the minor shall be relieved from the liability imposed by division (B) of this section.

(D) Any minor under eighteen years of age whose probationary license, restricted license, or temporary instruction permit is subsequently canceled by the registrar may obtain a new license or temporary instruction permit without having to undergo the examinations otherwise required by sections 4507.11 and 4507.12 of the Revised Code, and without having to tender the fee for such license or temporary permit, if the minor is able to produce another parent, guardian, other person having custody of the minor, or other adult, and such person is willing to assume the obligation imposed under this section. Such adult must comply with the procedures contained in division (A) of this section.

House Bill 343 took effect Friday, April 6, 2007 which places

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

If a license has been suspended for 90 days or longer, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles requires that the following occur to reinstate a driver's license:

1. the suspension period has expired;

The applicant:

2. completes a juvenile driver improvement program approved by the registrar of the BMV,
3. pays a reinstatement fee to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and obtains a retest letter from the BMV, and
4. takes the driver's license examination, both written and road tests **(It is mandatory these tests be retaken even if a youth was previously licensed).**

COURT COSTS	
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Non – moving Violation	\$62.00
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Moving Violation	\$91.00
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LICENSE SUSPENSION

Before your teen's 18th birthday:

3 moving violations = one year license suspension

2 moving violations = 90 day license suspension

A suspension can extend beyond the 18th birthday.

A license may be suspended for the following offenses:

- ⇒ conviction of an offense from Ohio Revised Code §4511.19 (driving under the influence);
- ⇒ conviction of a drug abuse offense;
- ⇒ conviction of conveying onto, or possessing on, school property a deadly weapon or dangerous ordinance;
- ⇒ “High School Drop-Out Suspension”- School Superintendent notifying the BMV of unauthorized withdrawal from school, or habitual absence without legitimate excuse, or suspension for use or possession of alcohol or drugs of abuse;
- ⇒ “License/Bond Forfeiture - driver charged with a first, second, third or fourth degree misdemeanor violation and either fails to appear in court at the required time or appears and pleads guilty or is found guilty and fails to pay the fine within the required time;
- ⇒ failure to show proof of financial responsibility was in effect at the time of an offense.

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certain restrictions on the operation of motor vehicles by probationary license holders and temporary instruction permit holders who are less than 18 years of age:

- Probationary driver license holders under the age of 17 will not be permitted to operate a motor vehicle with more than one person who is not a family member in the vehicle, unless accompanied by the license holder's parent, guardian, or legal custodian.
- Probationary driver license holders between 17 and 18 years of age will be restricted from driving between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless the holder is accompanied by a parent or guardian, with the following exceptions: an emergency situation, driving to or from a school activity, or driving to and from work. Travel to or from work is permitted provided the teen has written documentation from the employer.
- Probationary license holders under the age of 17 are prohibited from driving between midnight and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian with the same exceptions as above. *This is a change.*
- Permit holders under the age of 18 will be prohibited from driving between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m., unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or legal custodian who holds a valid license. *This is a change.*
- If a probationary driver license holder under the age of 17 is convicted of having committed one moving violation during the first six months of having a driver license, the person must be accompanied by a parent or guardian whenever operating a motor vehicle during the six-month period commencing on the date on which the person is convicted of or pleads guilty to the moving violation or until the person attains the age of 17.

OHIO TRAFFIC RULES

Motorcycles & Mopeds:

Equipment: Each rider must ride on a permanently attached regular seat.

- Each rider must wear safety glasses or other protective eye device.
- One and no more than 2 headlights are required.
- No person who is under the age of 18 years, or who holds a motorcycle operator's endorsement or license bearing a "novice", shall operate a motorcycle on a highway, or be a passenger on a motorcycle, unless wearing a protective helmet on his/her head, and no other person shall be a passenger on a motorcycle operated by such a person unless similarly wearing a protective helmet.

Mopeds:

To become licensed to operate a moped, 14 and 15 year olds must pass the usual vision and written tests, as well as a road test. This rule also applies to persons not currently holding a valid operator's license, regardless of age.

- Probationary motorized bicycle licenses are required for 14 and 15 year old operators.
- Operators are required to obtain and display a rear license plate and must be equipped with a rearview mirror.
- Operators are required to carry insurance.

Railroad Crossings:

Vehicles must stop within 50 feet, but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail if signaled to do so or if an approaching train is plainly visible.

School Buses:

Upon meeting or overtaking any bus stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children or people with disabilities, all drivers must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and may not proceed until such bus resumes motion or the driver is signaled to proceed by the bus driver.

TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTY POINTS

Four Point Violations

1. Willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property.
2. For drivers under age 21, operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of at least .02% but less than .10%.
3. Driving 30 miles an hour over 65 speed zone.

Two Point Violations

1. All moving violations except those pertaining to size limits.
2. Operating a motor vehicle in violation of a restriction imposed by the Registrar of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
3. Two or more passengers.

Speeding Violations

Points are also deducted for speeding violations, depending upon the number of violations and amount over the posted speed limit.

TRAFFIC VIOLATION PENALTY POINTS

Any Ohio driver convicted of a moving violation is assessed a specific number of penalty points according to the type of violation. Should that driver be convicted of a second or subsequent offense within two years after the first violation, the point assessment for the new violation is added to the previous total. The following is a schedule of point assessments for specific violations.

Six Point Violations

1. Homicide by vehicle.
2. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or any drug abuse.
3. Failure to stop and disclose identity at the scene of a collision.
4. Willingly fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer.
5. Drag racing.
6. Operating a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner.
7. Operating a motor vehicle while operator's license is under suspension or revocation.
8. Using a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony, or committing any crime punishable as a felony under Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws.

HOW OHIO'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW WORKS

In Ohio, it is illegal to drive any motor vehicle without insurance or other financial responsibility proof (FR Proof). It is also illegal for any motor vehicle owner to allow anyone else to drive the vehicle without FR Proof. The driver must be insured, not just the car.

You are required by law to show FR Proof* whenever a police officer issues a traffic ticket, at all vehicle inspection stops, after every motor vehicle crash and upon random checks by the Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

Any driver or owner who fails to show FR Proof will lose his/her driver's license, lose his/her license plates and vehicle registration, pay reinstatement fees and be required to maintain special FR Proof ("high-risk" insurance) for five years.

Once this suspension is in effect, any driver or owner who violates the suspension will have his or her vehicle immobilized and license plates confiscated.

If you are involved in a crash in which any party is injured or property damages exceed \$400, you must file a BMV Crash Report. Through the vehicle crash report, the BMV determines if the other party has insurance. If that party is not insured, a letter of suspension will be sent. If that party caused the damages, the BMV may have the license suspended until payment is made or arrangements are made to pay your damages.

*FR Proof can be shown by the insurance policy; an insurance identification card (same coverage as policy); a surety bond of \$30,000 issued by any authorized surety company; a BMV Bond secured by real estate having equity of at least \$60,000; a BMV Certificate for money or government bonds in the amount of \$30,000 on deposit with the State of Ohio Treasurer; or a BMV Certificate of self-insurance, available only to companies or persons who own at least 26 motor vehicles.

OHIO LAW BANS TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

If you're under age 18:

It is illegal to use **any** electronic wireless communications device while driving in Ohio. This means:

- No texting
- No e-mailing
- No talking on your cell phone, Bluetooth speakers, On-Star or any similar device
- No computers, laptops, tablets or ipads
- No playing video games
- No using your GPS (unless it is a voice-operated or hands-free device)

All of the above remain in effect even when you are sitting at a light or stuck in traffic

It is a Primary Offense: Law enforcement can stop you for **any** of the above reasons.

- First violation: \$150 fine, court costs, driver license suspended for 6 months
- Second and/or subsequent violations: \$300 fine, court costs, driver license suspended for one year
- Exceptions: Pre-programmed GPS, vehicles in a stationary position and outside a lane of travel, emergency calls to law enforcement, hospital, or fire department

OHIO LAW BANS TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

Adult drivers (18 years or older):

It is illegal to use a handheld electronic wireless communications device to write, send or read a text while driving in Ohio.

- Minor misdemeanor, could face a fine of up to \$150

Texting While Driving: How Dangerous is it?

Among driving distractions, texting is extremely dangerous because it takes your eyes and attention off the road.

- 40% of all American teens say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger ([Pew Research Center](#)).
- About 50% of teens surveyed admit to texting while driving (AT & T Poll, 2012).
- Texting while driving takes your eyes off the road for about five seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of a football field - 100 yards - with your eyes closed (USDOT)
- You are 23 times more likely to crash while texting and driving (VTTI)

Learn how distracted or impaired driving could cost your license - or even your life!