Each year in Victoria approximately 70 road users, aged between 18 and 25, are killed and a further 2300 are seriously injured.

TAC road statistics for 2011 indicate that drivers in the 18-25 age bracket accounted for 23% of all fatal road accidents.

Research done by the RACV has found that in the first 12 months of obtaining their license, the risk of probationary drivers being involved in a crash is 3 times higher than that of an experienced driver.

Resources...

TAC - www.tac.gov.au
VICROADS - www.vicroads.gov.au
RACV - www.racv.com.au
NRMA - www.nrma.com.au

Road Safety Awareness For Young Drivers

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Chris...

This is Chris. He’s a young driver too. As Chris’ week consists of many a social obligation, as well as going to work and attending university, he needs his car to take him and his friends where they need to go.

Chris’ friends are respectful of his responsibility as a driver and know not to distract him whilst they are in transit.

Chris’ busy week often makes him tired. But he always makes sure he is well rested before he gets behind the wheel. Chris knows that driving with fatigue not only puts the lives of himself and his friends in danger, but also that of other drivers.

Sarah...

This is Sarah. She just got her licence and is thrilled to be on the road. Now she can drive to and from school and work, and go out with her friends without having to worry about a means of transport home.

Mobile phones are a major distraction behind the wheel. Sarah is fully aware of this danger and always makes sure she pulls over before attending to her mobile phone. That also means no SMS messaging while driving!

Sarah and her friends like to go out for a drink and a dance. However, Sarah knows that if she is driving it is her responsibility to remain drug and alcohol free, no matter what her friends or anyone else may encourage her to do. Safety comes first.

The Tips...

Experience is crucial for young drivers. It’s important that all drivers get 120 hours on-road experience BEFORE they get their license.

These hours should include driving in ALL conditions: dry, wet, day, night, etc.

Other factors that increase the risk of an accident involving a young driver include:

- Influence of peer passengers
- Alcohol and drugs
- Fatigue
- Mobile phones