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New Teen Driving Laws In Kansas Take Effect Jan. 1

How teenagers can drive in Kansas and what age they will be allowed to get a full license is about to change.

New state regulations go into effect on Jan. 1, raising the legal driving age for an unrestricted license from 16 to 17. The measures also make it illegal for drivers with restricted licenses to use cell phones, drive at night and have minors, other than siblings, in their car with them.

State transportation and safety officials have planned a news conference in the Statehouse on Tuesday to highlight the changes in the law.

Legislators passed the changes during the 2009 session, aimed at reducing the number of traffic accidents and fatalities among younger drivers.

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