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TRAFFIC SAFETY LAWS										
State	GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING ¹			CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY		OCCUPANT RESTRAINT		DISTRACTED DRIVING		
	3-Stage Graduated Driver Licensing	Night Restrictions	Passenger Restrictions	Child Restraint Required ≤ 4 years and/or 40 lbs.	Booster Seat Required	Seat Belt Laws	Standard Enforcement	Hand-Held Cell Phone Ban	Teen Cell Phone Ban	Text Messaging Ban
Alabama	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
Alaska	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●
Arizona	●	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	○	○
Arkansas	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	● ⁵	●
California	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Colorado	●	●	●	●	● ²	●	○	○	● ⁵	● ⁵
Connecticut	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Delaware	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	○
D.C.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Florida	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	○	○	○
Georgia	●	●	●	●	●	● ¹⁰	●	○	○	○
Hawaii	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
Idaho	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○
Illinois	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Indiana	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	○
Iowa	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
Kansas	●	●	●	●	●	●	○ ⁶	○	●	○
Kentucky	●	●	●	● ⁷	●	●	●	○	○	○
Louisiana	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	● ⁵	● ⁵
Maine	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	○
Maryland	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	● ⁵	●
Massachusetts	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○
Michigan	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
Minnesota	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Mississippi	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	● ¹¹	○
Missouri	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	● ¹¹	○
Montana	●	●	●	●	● ²	●	○	○	○	○
Nebraska	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	● ⁵	○
Nevada	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○
New Hampshire	○ ⁸	●	●	●	●	○	N/A ⁶	○	○	●
New Jersey	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ⁵	●	●
New Mexico	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
New York	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	● ⁵
North Carolina	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
North Dakota	○ ³	○	○	●	●	●	○ ⁶	○	○	○
Ohio	●	●	●	●	● ²	●	○	○	○	○
Oklahoma	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
Oregon	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ⁵	●
Pennsylvania	●	●	○	●	● ²	●	○	○	○	○
Rhode Island	●	●	●	●	●	●	○ ⁶	○	●	●
South Carolina	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
South Dakota	●	●	○	●	○	●	○ ⁶	○	○	○
Tennessee	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Texas	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	○
Utah	●	●	●	●	●	●	○ ⁶	○ ⁴	○	●
Vermont	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○
Virginia	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	● ⁵	● ⁵
Washington	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ⁵	○	● ⁵
West Virginia	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	● ⁵	○
Wisconsin	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
Wyoming	● ⁹	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○
TOTAL (Includes D.C.)	49	49	43	51	48	50	31	7	24	20

¹ All 50 states have some form of Graduated Driver Licensing.

² Booster seat law is secondarily enforced.

³ Mandatory learner's permit but not an intermediate license stage.

⁴ In Utah, a driver that commits a moving traffic violation other than speeding, while using a hand-held cell phone, can also be charged with the offense of 'careless driving'.

⁵ Law is secondarily enforced.

⁶ State has standard enforcement of its seat belt law for children up to age 18.

⁷ In Kentucky, children must be in a child restraint until they are over 40 inches in height.

⁸ New Hampshire has an intermediate license, but no mandatory learner's permit.

⁹ In Wyoming, the holding period for the learner's permit is only 10 days long.

¹⁰ Georgia's seat belt law exempts occupants of pickup trucks.

¹¹ In Mississippi and Missouri, drivers under 21 are prohibited from text messaging.

LEGEND:

● Yes
○ No