TRENDS IN TEEN DRIVER SAFETY

PASSENGERS GET SAFER
Risky behaviors of teen passengers (ages 15 - 19) are on the decline. In 2011 compared to 2008:

- DOWN 10% 46% not always wearing a seat belt
- DOWN 23% 50% of those killed in teen driver crashes were not buckled up
- DOWN 14% 24% recently rode with teen driver who had been drinking

MORE LIVES SAVED
Fewer deaths in crashes involving teen drivers in 2011 compared to 2008:

- 28% decrease in deaths
- 30% less teen passenger deaths
- 1,208 fewer people died

THE FLIP SIDE OF SAFETY
Risky behaviors of teen drivers (ages 15 - 19) in 2011:

- 58% of drivers killed in crashes were not wearing a seat belt
- 33% of teens recently texted or emailed while driving
- 52% of drivers killed in crashes were speeding
- 8% of teens recently drove a car after drinking (41% killed in crashes had blood alcohol level ≥ 0.01)

Source: Miles to go: Focusing on Risks for Teen Driver Crashes, a research report from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute and State Farm. www.teendriversource.org