



Nighttime driving

Driving at night can be more dangerous because it is harder to see, and there are more impaired drivers on the road. Wisconsin has specific nighttime laws to keep teen drivers safe.

How Wisconsin law protects

- In Wisconsin, new drivers must drive with a qualified adult for at least 50 hours before getting a probationary license. At least ten of these hours must be at night.
 - For the first nine months or until age 18, drivers with a probationary license have these rules:
 - From 5 a.m.-midnight:** drivers may be alone and can go anywhere. Passengers allowed are immediate family, one non-family member and one qualified adult.
 - From midnight-5 a.m.:** drivers may be alone when driving between home, work, and school. For other trips, a qualified adult must be in the front seat. Additional passengers allowed are immediate family members and one non-family member. If a new driver breaks these rules or gets a traffic violation, the restrictions last for six more months.
- Qualified adult:** a person with two years of driving experience who holds a valid, regular license and sits in the front seat. If this person is an instructor, parent/legal guardian, or spouse they must be at least 19. Other adults must be 21 years of age.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Reduce your risk

- Always wear a seat belt.
- Practice driving at night, so you feel confident in many different situations.
- Know the hours you are allowed to drive, and plan ahead.
- Keep the windshield clean.
- Make sure the taillights are clean and bright.
- Watch for posted speed limits. They can change as you travel through different areas.

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