

# Driver and passenger safety laws and statutes



## Teen drivers

Topic	Wisconsin law	Statute
<b>Instruction Permit</b>	At least 15 years old; if under 18 a qualified adult* must be in the front passenger seat; only passengers allowed are immediate family.	343.07 Failure to comply with Instruction Permit requirements
<b>Probationary license passenger restrictions</b>	For the first 9 months or until age 18, only passengers allowed are immediate family, one non-family member, and one qualified adult.*	343.085(2m) Violation of Probationary License restrictions
<b>Probationary license nighttime restrictions</b>	For the first 9 months or until age 18, between midnight to 5am only, travel between home, work, and school is allowed unless a qualified adult* occupies front passenger seat.	343.085(2m)(a)(2) Violation of Probationary License restrictions
<b>Cell phone use</b>	Instruction Permit and Probationary License holders may not use a cellular or other wireless phone, except to report an emergency.	346.89(4)(a) Using a cell phone with an Instruction Permit or Probationary License

*\*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 years of age; other adults must be 21 years of age.*

## All drivers / passengers

Topic	Wisconsin law	Statute
<b>Seat belt use</b>	All vehicle occupants must be properly restrained.	347.48(2m) Failure to wear a seat belt
<b>Inattentive driving</b>	Driver may not engage with an activity that interferes or reasonably appears to interfere with the person's ability to drive safely.	346.89(1) Inattentive driving
<b>Texting</b>	Driver may not compose or send a text message or email message while driving, except for voice operated/hands-free technology.	346.89(3)(a) Texting/emailing while driving

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