

# Metropolitan Washington Council *of* Governments




























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## Pedestrian Safety, Impaired Driving, and Teen Driving Laws

### *COG Region Comparison*

 Meets Minimum Standards Endorsed by COG Board

 Does Not Meet

	District of Columbia	Maryland	Virginia
<b>Pedestrian Safety</b>			
Vehicles must stop, not yield for pedestrians			
<b>Impaired Driving</b>			
License plate confiscation post arrest			
Vehicle impoundment/ boot			
Vehicle confiscation			
Mandatory alcohol assessment/treatment			
Primary enforcement seatbelt law			
Enhanced penalty for high BAC			
Mandatory BAC test of killed drivers			
Prohibit insurance refusal to cover medical costs if injury occurred while under the influence			

## Teen Driving

Minimum age of 16 years of obtain a learner's permit



Require all passengers to wear seatbelts with primary enforcement



Minimum 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience prior to receiving a provisional license



Minimum age 16 and a half years to obtain a provisional license



Curfew for drivers under 18 from 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.; exceptions are made for work and school related activities



Minimum age of 18 to obtain a full license



Limit of one passenger for the first six months of unsupervised driving with primary enforcement

