

Young drivers are typically people who have recently obtained a licence to drive, and/or are aged under 25. Increased media attention has been directed towards younger drivers, particularly because young drivers are over-represented in road fatality and collision statistics.

YOUNG DRIVERS AND DRINK-DRIVING

- One in seven young drivers (14 per cent) believe that it's OK to drive after a few drinks so long as they feel capable (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)
- One in six of young drivers (15 per cent) admit to having taken a different route after drinking to avoid being breathalysed (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)
- Six in 10 young drivers (62 per cent) admit that after a night of heavy drinking, they have been concerned they have been over the limit when driving the following day (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)
- One third of young drivers (33 per cent) admit that they have driven when probably over the drink-drive limit (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)

YOUNG DRIVERS AND DRUG-DRIVING

- One in 10 (11 per cent) of young drivers believe that using a little recreational drugs before driving doesn't really affect your driving (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)
- One-quarter of young drivers (25 per cent) have driven after taking medicinal drugs or tablets even though the label warned them against this (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)
- One in 10 young drivers (11 per cent) believe driving after using recreational drugs is safer than driving after drinking (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)

ROAD RULES, SPEED CAMERAS AND FINES

- One-fifth of young drivers (19 per cent) admit they often ignore restricted speed limits, such as on suburban roads and outside schools – compared to seven per cent of other drivers (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)



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YOUNG DRIVERS AND SEATBELTS

- Eight per cent of young drivers admit they sometimes have more people in their car than there are seatbelts (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)

YOUNG DRIVERS AND MOBILE PHONES

- One-third of young drivers (32 per cent) admit to often using their mobile phone without a hands-free kit while driving (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)
- Most young drivers (75 per cent) have sent or read a text message while driving (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)

YOUNG DRIVERS AND SPEEDING

- Most young drivers (77 per cent) say they are sometimes unsure of the speed limit in some areas because speed zones vary so much (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)
- More than half of young drivers (52 per cent) admit they sometimes speed to get to work or home sooner (source: *2007 AAMI Young Drivers Index*)

