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Gunner Passed over to Ricky!

Gunner our good deed giraffe was given to Ricky by Erin! She said she is grateful for him being here, and he is doing a great job in his new role!

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At the firm, we like to show, and share, our gratitude. Gunner is a reminder to all of us to be grateful for everyday as well as each other.

[Gunner's Bio](#)

Law Blog Highlight

8 Life-Saving Tips for Teen Drivers to Prevent Car Accidents (2026 Guide)

4. Passengers Increase Crash Risk

While driving with friends may seem harmless, studies show that teen drivers are more likely to crash when other teens are in the car. The risk increases with each additional passenger due to distraction, peer pressure, and noise (CDC).

What teens need to understand:

- **Friends can unintentionally distract you.**
- **Showing off or taking risks to impress passengers can be fatal.**
- **It's okay and necessary to set boundaries in your own car.**

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws in many states limit the number of passengers teen drivers can have during their first months of driving for this very reason.

5. Night Driving Requires Extra Caution

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Driving at night is significantly more dangerous for teens. Reduced visibility, fatigue, and a higher likelihood of impaired drivers on the road all contribute to increased crash rates after dark (IIHS).

Safety tips for teen drivers at night:

- **Slow down and increase following distance.**
- **Watch carefully for pedestrians and cyclists.**
- **Avoid late-night driving whenever possible, especially on weekends.**

Parents can set clear curfews and limit nighttime driving until their teen gains more experience.

6. Seat Belts Save Lives

Seat belt use is one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent serious injury or death in a crash. Yet teens have some of the lowest seat belt usage rates of any age group. *The CDC reports that about half of teens who died in car crashes were not wearing seat belts (CDC).*

Non-negotiable rule for teens: Buckle up every trip, every seat, every time.

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Be Aware of Surveillance: Insurance companies might use surveillance to monitor your activities to check the validity of your injury claims.



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