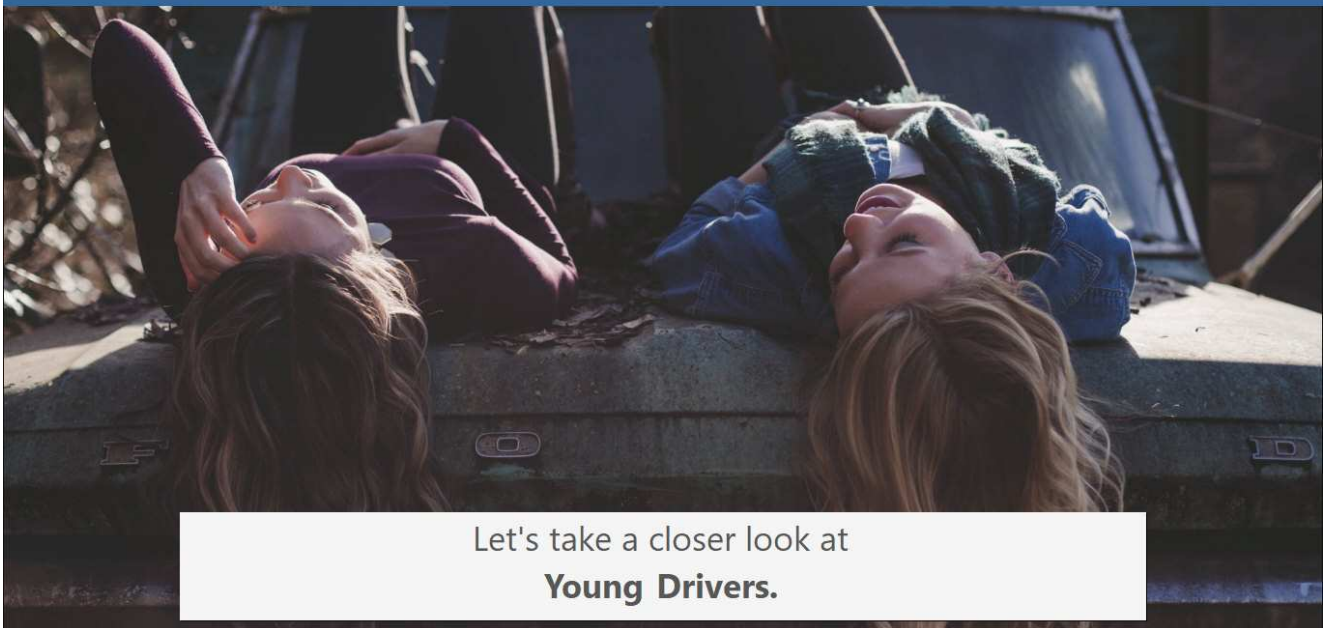


Young Drivers

Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Young Drivers**.

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Let's take a closer look at
Young Drivers.

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It's a sad but undeniable fact that young people are overrepresented in traffic accidents and fatalities.

In this lesson, we'll look at some of the reasons why this is the case, and some ideas and techniques to minimize any risks.



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In the following pages, we discuss some of the danger factors that young people face on our roads.

Please read these, and take them to heart. There is little more tragic than the loss of young lives to motoring accidents. It doesn't have to happen.

Over 1000 people a year die on Australian roads. And young people are massively overrepresented in these figures.

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It Won't Happen to Me. Young people are indestructible. Invincible. Know more than anyone else. Or so they (or perhaps you) think, anyway.

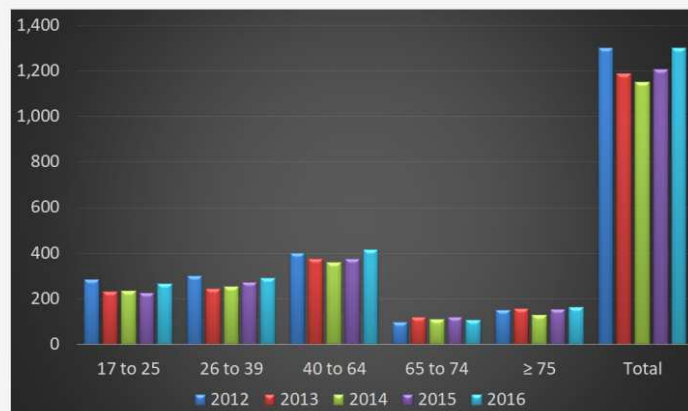
Throughout this course, we will be changing that perception. We cannot stress strongly enough just how easily it can happen to you. You've probably never been involved in an accident, seen someone seriously hurt. And hopefully you never will. Your life could change in an instant.

Remember - you may think you are invincible, but sadly, your passengers, and other drivers are not.



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Statistics. The graph below illustrates the number of crash victims in particular age groups. While the 17-25 numbers seem to be on par with other age groups, there are a lot less 17-25 people driving than in the other age groups. **Drivers aged between 17-25 are more than twice as likely to be killed in a motor vehicle accident.**



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Experience. Young drivers, of course, have less experience driving on the road, and have not yet had time to develop the good driving skills and judgement that being a good driver requires.

Before any young person can obtain a driver's license, they must have spent a long time in a car with an open driver's license holder - up to 200 hours or so.



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Young drivers are not only over-represented in car accidents - but in all accidental injuries...

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Number of Passengers. Research is clear that the more passengers a driver carries when driving - especially if the passengers are young also - the dramatically higher is the chance of an accident.

This may be because of the noise caused by the other passengers, being egged on to drive faster, peer pressure, or just wanting to show off.

This is why in some states, Provisionally licenced drivers are limited to the number passengers they can carry.



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Mobile Phones. Statistics are also very clear that young people are overrepresented in accidents that involve mobile phones.

According to the *United States Department of Transportation*, text messaging while driving creates a crash risk **23 times higher than driving while not distracted.**

This one is easy solve in theory - put the phone down while driving. But far too many inexperienced drivers fail to see just how dangerous using a mobile is.



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Night Time Driving. This is another area where young drivers are overrepresented in the statistics.

It's important to get some night time driving experience during your training period with another driver. Night time driving is restricted for young drivers as they build their driving skills.

For teenagers, night time driving is more dangerous, statistically, than speeding or driving drunk.



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Young Male Drivers. Whether showing off, loving risk, succumbing to peer pressure, young males are much more likely to place themselves and others in danger on the road.

This includes excessive speed, wheelspins, burnouts, dangerous overtaking, and more.

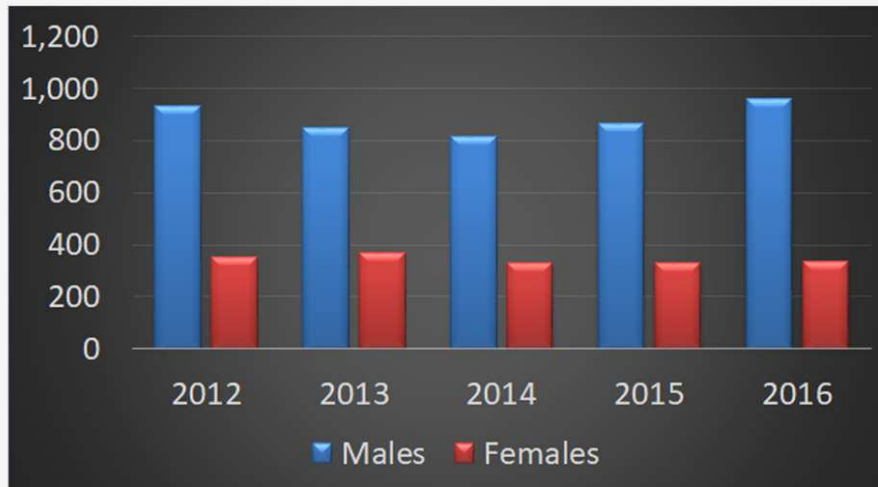
Not only is hooning behaviour dangerous and illegal, it can result in the car being driven being confiscated, whether or not it is owned by the driver.



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Statistics. As you can see, male drivers are massively over-represented in all ages of drivers in terms of fatalities.



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Cars. Teenagers cannot afford expensive cars. Not all teenagers, anyway. It is a little sad, but a fact of life, that a rich adult can drive a supercar with amazing safety features built in, but a teenager - who could probably use it more - cannot.

Despite that, you need to make sure that your car is in a fit shape to drive. All cars are much, much safer than they were 10 or 20 years ago, but you still need to ensure that your car is safe to drive. And we will give you the knowledge to do this throughout this course.



The world's fastest production car is the Bugatti Veyron Super Sport, which can reach an amazing 431 km/h.

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Lack of Hazard Awareness. We cover defensive driving later, but it is a technique that involves looking ahead for danger - like potholes, for example, rather than running headlong into it.

Young drivers have yet to develop defensive driving skills fully. But by doing so, they can spot hazards before they become dangerous.



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This Course. Throughout this course, you'll see lessons specifically designed to address the issues that we all face when driving cars, but statistically young drivers more than anyone.

Quite apart from the road rules, you'll learn about:

- Defensive driving.
- Seatbelts and airbags.
- Getting ready to drive.
- Familiarising yourself with new cars.
- Tips, tricks and ideas.
- Parking.
- Reversing.
- Merging.
- Intersections, Traffic Lights, Roundabouts, and much more.

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SUMMARY

In this lesson, we discussed **Young Drivers**. This included:

- Young Drivers.
- It Won't Happen to Me.
- Traffic Fatalities Australia - 2012 to 2016 - By Age Group.
- Experience.
- Number of Passengers, Mobile Phones, Night Time Driving.
- Young Male Drivers.
- Traffic Fatalities Australia By Gender - 2012 to 2016.
- Lack of Hazard Awareness.

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