



U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division

TEEN DRIVING ON THE JOB

Employees 16 years of age and under **MAY NOT DRIVE** motor vehicles on public roads as part of their jobs - even if they possess a valid state drivers license.

Employees 17 years of age may drive cars and small trucks on public roads as part of their jobs **ONLY** in limited circumstances.

17 year-olds may drive on the job **ONLY if all of the following requirements are met:**

1. The driving is limited to daylight hours;
2. The 17 year-old holds a state license valid for the type of driving involved in the job performed;
3. The 17 year-old has successfully completed a State approved driver education course and has no record of any moving violation at the time of hire;
4. The automobile or truck is equipped with a seat belt for the driver and any passengers and the employer has instructed the youth that the seat belts must be used when driving the vehicle;
5. The automobile or truck does not exceed 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; AND
6. Such driving is only occasional and incidental to the 17 year-old's employment. This means that the youth may spend no more than 1/3 of the work time in any workday and no more than 20% of the work time in any workweek driving.

Driving by 17 year-olds as part of their jobs **MAY NOT involve:**

- Towing vehicles
- Route deliveries or route sales
- Transportation for hire of property, goods, or passengers
- Urgent, time-sensitive deliveries (such as pizza deliveries)
- Transporting more than 3 passengers including employees of the employer
- Driving beyond a 30 mile radius of the teen's place of employment
- More than 2 trips away from the primary place of employment in any single day to deliver the employer's goods to a customer
- More than 2 trips away from the primary place of employment in any single day to transport passengers other than employees of the employer

Additional information about YouthRules! can be found at www.youthrules.dol.gov. For information about the laws administered by the Wage and Hour Division, log on to the Internet at www.wagehour.dol.gov or call the Department of Labor's toll-free help line at 1-866-4USWAGE.