

# COURT SUPERVISION FOR TEENS

Provided by the McHenry County Circuit Clerk's Office

**To avoid a conviction you MUST appear in court on the date listed at the bottom of your ticket. Failure to appear in court will result in a conviction against you.**

- **Limit one court supervision for serious offenses.**
- **To obtain court supervision, a driver must appear in court with a parent or legal guardian and must also attend traffic school.**
- **Conviction of any moving violation before age 18 generates a Secretary of State warning letter to the parent and teenager.**
- **Two moving violation convictions occurring within a 24-month period results in a minimum 1-month driver's license suspension.**
- **Any moving violation conviction that occurs within the first year of licensure will result in a 6-month extension of the passenger limitation, which allows no more than one unrelated passenger under age 20.**
- **Suspended drivers are required to attend a remedial education course, may be retested and must pay a \$70 reinstatement fee.**

For more information about your court appearance, please contact the McHenry County Circuit Clerk's Office Criminal/Traffic Division at (815) 334-4190 or go to [www.mchenrycircuitclerk.org](http://www.mchenrycircuitclerk.org)



**Court Supervision prevents a conviction from being entered against your driving record. Two convictions in a 24-month period *will suspend your license.***

***IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE TICKET YOU JUST RECEIVED OFF YOUR RECORD.***

- ▶ As of January 1, 2008, if you are a teen driver under the age of 18, in order to receive court supervision a parent or guardian **must** accompany you to court on the date listed at the bottom of your ticket. You **must** attend traffic school in order to complete your supervision. You may **not** request court supervision by mail (Public Act 95-0310).
- ▶ Parents and guardians now have access to your complete driving record on line through the Illinois Secretary of State's website. All violations, convictions and supervisions will be listed for parents and guardians to view at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

## **INITIAL LICENSING PHASE—Drivers Age 16-17**

- Parent/guardian must certify that a minimum of 50 hours of practice driving, including 10 hours of nighttime driving, has been completed.
- Parent/guardian must accompany teen to provide written consent to obtain a driver's license, OR complete and notarize an Affidavit/Consent for Minor to Drive form.
- Must have completed a state-approved driver education course.
- A nighttime driving restriction is in place Sunday—Thursday, 10pm-6am, and Friday-Saturday, 11pm-6am (local curfews may differ from nighttime driving restriction).
- Must maintain a conviction-free driving record for 6 months prior to turning age 18 before moving to the Full Licensing Phase. A traffic conviction during the initial licensing phase may extend restrictions beyond age 18.
- All occupants under age 19 must wear safety belts.
- For the first year of licensing, or until the driver is age 18, whichever occurs first, the number of passengers is limited to one person under age 20, unless the additional passenger(s) is a sibling, step-sibling, child, or step-child of the driver. After this period, the number of passengers is limited to one in the front seat and the number of safety belts in the back seat.
- Cell phone use while driving is prohibited except in the case of an emergency to contact a law enforcement agency, health care provider or emergency services.

**For more information about the Illinois Graduated Driver's License Program go to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) or call the Illinois Secretary of State at (217) 782-2952.**

## **Driver's License Suspension for Alcohol Consumption**

A person under the age 21 will receive a 3-month driver's license suspension for a court supervision for possession, consumption, purchase or receipt of alcohol. A conviction will result in a 1-year suspension of driving privileges.