Getting a driver license, huh? Scary stuff out on the road on your own. Safe drivers are not just born — to say nothing of the laws, costs, and dangers you may be facing. Seriously, let’s look at the statistics!

Drivers between the ages of 15 and 19 are much more likely to experience a collision.

That’s why Illinois adopted Graduated Driver Licensing regulations.

It may sound complicated, but don’t worry, this guide will help you through it.
Enroll in an approved driver education program

**Getting Your Supervised Instruction Permit**

- **PHASE 1**
  - Practice with a parent, guardian, or any licensed driver 21 or older, upon enrolling in driver ed when you turn 16, schedule your Road Test.
  - Driving solo, there are still safety restrictions in place: No cell phone use except for emergencies, and absolutely NO texting while driving.

- **No tickets for 6 months prior to turning 18 and getting your full driver’s license**

- For the first 12 months with your license, you may have no more than one passenger under the age of 20, unless they are in your immediate family.

- **PHASE 2**
  - No driving from 10 pm to 6 am, Sunday - Thursday.
  - No driving from 11 pm to 6 am, Friday and Saturday.

- **PHASE 3**
  - Intermediate License
  - 50 hours total, 10 of which are at night, for at least 9 months.

- **GDL restrictions will be lifted once you turn 18.**

- **Intermediate License**
  -拿 your written knowledge exam and eye test.

- **When ready, go to the SOS office and get your Instruction Permit!**

- **You are now the proud holder on an Instruction Permit!**

- **With a passing score on the Road Test, you’ll receive your Initial Driver’s License!**

- **Approved programs must consist of 30 hours of classroom education and 6 hours behind the wheel with an instructor.**

- **CLICK IT OR TICKET**