

Curfew laws and ordinances are enacted to protect our children. Below is the Village of Carpentersville Ordinance pertaining to curfew and the Illinois Law for licensed drivers under the age of eighteen. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these rules and discuss them with your children.

What is the curfew law in Carpentersville?
Persons **under the age of 17** may not be present in any public place between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, unless married, accompanied by an adult, or engaged in employment, religious, political, or other constitutionally protected activity.

The Illinois Graduated Driver License Act is discussed below. This information was obtained from the Illinois Secretary of State.

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, 10 p.m.-6 a.m., and Friday-Saturday, 11 p.m.-6 a.m. (local curfews may differ from the nighttime driving restriction).

Must maintain a conviction-free driving record for six 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 agency.

Sanctions

Limit one court supervision for serious offenses. To obtain court supervision, a driver must appear in person before the presiding court with a parent or legal guardian and must also attend traffic safety 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 result in a minimum one-month driver's license suspension. Suspension length is determined by the seriousness of the offenses and the driver's prior driving history. An additional driver's license suspension will result for each subsequent moving violation following the initial suspension.

Any moving violation conviction that occurs within the first year of licensure will result in a six-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.