

**"OUR GREATEST HUMAN
NEED IS THE NEED TO
BE APPRECIATED."**

It would be misguided to equate the failing of a minor with those of an adult, for a greater possibility exists that a minor's character deficiencies will be reformed.

Justice Kennedy

Roper v. Simmons, 2005

[D]evelopments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds. For example, parts of the brain involved in behavior control continue to mature through late adolescence.

**Justice Anthony Kennedy
Graham v. Florida, 2010**

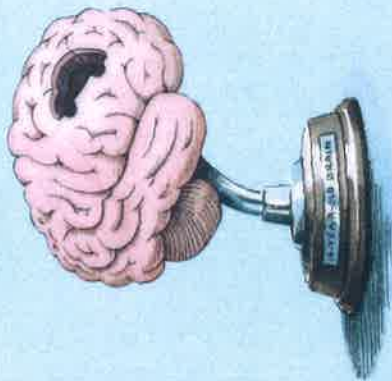
"... officers and judges need no imaginative powers, knowledge of developmental psychology, training in cognitive science, or expertise in social and cultural anthropology to account for a child's age. They simply need the common sense to know that a 7-year-old is not a 13-year-old, and neither is an adult."

**Justice Sotomayor
J.D.B. v. North Carolina, 2011**

Why do most 16-year-olds drive like they're missing a part of their brain?



BECAUSE THEY ARE.



EVEN BRIGHT, MATURE TEENAGERS SOMETIMES DO THINGS THAT ARE "STUPID."

But when that happens, it's not really their fault. It's because their brain hasn't finished developing. The underdeveloped area is called the dorsal lateral prefrontal cortex. It plays a critical role in decision making, problem solving and understanding future consequences of today's actions. Problem is, it won't be fully mature until they're into their 20s.

It's one reason 16-year-old drivers have crash rates three times higher than 17-year-olds and five times higher than 18-year-olds. **Car crashes injure about 500,000 teens a year. And kill nearly 6,000.** Is there a way for teens to get their driving experience more safely—giving their brains time to mature as completely as their bodies? Allstate thinks so.

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws are one approach that's been proven effective at reducing teen

crashes. These laws restrict the more dangerous kinds of driving teens do, such as nighttime driving and driving with teen passengers. Since North Carolina implemented one of the most comprehensive GDL laws in the country, it has seen a 25% decline in crashes involving 16-year-olds.

To find out what the GDL laws are in your state, visit Allstate.com/teens. Help enforce them — and if they aren't strong enough, ask your legislator to strengthen them.

Let's help our teenagers not miss out on tomorrow just because they have something interesting today.

It's time to make the world a safer place to drive.

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