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Every state has its own transportation agency that handles driver's licensing, so standardizing laws for new drivers isn't as easy as it sounds – even if some safety advocates find the inconsistency alarming. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Many states enact tougher requirements for new drivers

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A new wave of state laws is enforcing stricter requirements for new drivers, but states still can't agree on how much practice is needed. • While most states have some form of graduated driver's licensing laws, ranging from as low as 20 and as high as 70 supervised hours, more states are looking into adopting tougher mandates for young people, said Jonathan Adkins, CEO of the Governors Highway Safety Association, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit.

Florida, Washington and New Jersey tightened up requirements for new drivers in 2025, but even these new laws have inconsistent requirements. The new laws come as some traffic safety advocates say the United States would benefit from more uniform laws on the topic. "There should be a national law for teen drivers," said Cheryl Giles, the longtime owner of Lakeland Atlantic Driving School in Winter Haven, Florida, which conducts about 1,000 student driving tests annually. "We desperately need some consistency." Meanwhile, motor vehicle crashes continue to be among the leading causes of death for teens in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Teen drivers also face a disproportionately higher risk of crashes in comparison with older drivers, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports. "I would call it an epidemic right now, and we all

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"Whether you are in Virginia, Florida, Utah or even in the most rural parts of the country, the roads can be very dangerous places, especially when you don't fully understand the dangers of driving."

Tammy Gweedo McGee
Safe driving advocate

Marshall's Brooks fountain shines again

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Marshall's Brooks Memorial Fountain is flowing again after a \$140,000 donation from Ford Motor Co. The historic fountain, built in 1930, underwent significant repairs thanks to the automaker's contribution, according to a community announcement. The city has completed several assessments of the fountain, including

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The City of Marshall is using a donation from Ford to make structural and electrical repairs to the iconic Brooks Memorial Fountain, which was built in 1930. PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF MARSHALL

Police arrest burglary suspect

Officers find 3,000 pounds of stolen lead bricks buried in yard

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Members of the Battle Creek Police Department's Fusion Center, COPS Unit and Crime Lab executed a search warrant Tuesday, Aug. 12 at a residence on Elsmere Street suspected to be tied to a July 18 burglary at a local business. Investigators were searching for approximately 3,000 pounds of refined lead bricks stolen during the burglary. During the search, officers discovered the bricks buried in the yard,

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Battle Creek police uncovered 3,000 pounds of refined lead bricks in a Elsmere Street yard Aug. 12. PROVIDED BY CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

