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Everytime I hear someone say that 14 is too young for driver's ed, I want to laugh. "What do they know about my maturity?" i ask myself. I this essay, I'll tell you what I think of the Idaho driving age and why.

Determining a driving age suitable for everybody is definately a challenge. I think that 18 is pretty ridiculous. As we advance through our teen years, we need independence. Our parents can't just haul us ~~ov~~ around everywhere. As much as I'd love my license at 15, I know that's not a realistic request. Young teenagers are simply irresponsible. We have no common sense and tend to be reckless. In order to have a car you must ~~have~~ be resposible for your own actions.

In a perfect world, everyone would take a test to determine whether or not you're mature enough to get your licence. Not just a driving test like we take now, but a test to show how resonsible we are. Obviously, maturity all depends on the person. My brothers are twenty-five and

eighteen, but they're constantly crashing into cement blocks and getting reckless driving tickets. I also have a friend that's 15 though, and she drives like an old-lady.

There's ~~ex~~ no right ~~anser~~ answer to how old you have to be to be considered an adult. There's no "magic number" that determines a teenager's readiness for life. All we can do is compromise and let teens' parents decide when they're ready.

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Blaring music. Cell phones. Wild friends in the backseat. Dented bumpers and even deaths. This is what most people picture when they think about a ~~16~~ sixteen-year-old with a brand new license. And being almost a ~~15~~ fifteen-year-old myself, I'll admit that that's what I picture, too. And I won't deny that most of these unsafe habits, plus many more, are practiced by most drivers at my high school. For my own selfish reasons, I would like the driving age to be sixteen. But truly, I know what the better choice is. I believe that teens don't start to mature until atleast eighteen years of age, and shouldn't ~~recieve~~ receive their license until they do so.

One of the main problems I see with younger drivers these days is riding with friends. Car-pooling can be very dangerous with immature teens. Teenagers tend to be less careful around friends, goofing off and breaking rules, especially when driving. Having your friends in the car can be a huge distraction, as I know it is these

days.

Another major distraction that an average sixteen-year-old would overlook would be technology, like cell phones and music. Teens use these things daily, but they can be very dangerous while driving. Not watching where you are going while texting, singing along to that new song and taking your mind off the road, or messing with the seat-heaters while you should be stopping for that red light. I believe an eighteen-year-old would be more likely to recognize these risks and provide a safer environment to all drivers.

And finally, the biggest problem I see these days would be underage drinking. DUIs are all over the news these days. I think that both sixteen and eighteen-year-olds party too hard, but I also think that eighteen-year-olds will have matured throughout high school, and will be smarter about drinking and driving.

As much as I would like to recieve my license at the young age of sixteen, I believe that eighteen is a safer age. I think that eighteen-year-olds are more mature and will be smarter about these driving problems and distractions than a younger teen. I want driving to be safer for everyone, and I think that by getting young teens off of the road, it will.

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I believe that 16 is a good age to start driving because at that age, you are just learning what it means to be truly responsible.

~~Because~~ Also, because 16-year-olds "need thier space" otherwise they get extremely crabby and irriatable, a car is a good idea because they can get away from it all and feel free and secluded. Also, ~~Because~~ because we own the car, we have to pay for gas and repairs which makes us get a job.

In conclusion, letting 16-year-olds drive is a good thing because it gives them freedom, yet teaches them to be responsible adults.

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I think changing the driving age from 16 to 18 is a bad idea, I even have a sister who can drive when she's only 16. My parents hesitates to use up his/her gas, they don't drive much like they used to. We don't really get a chance to go to a store. I even started thinking about Driver's ED class. I wanna get my own driver's license and get a motorcycle