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Bang! Screech! "Ahh!" Is this what we are seeing or hearing in Idaho? Do we want inexperienced drivers lining the roads, and causing myraids of accidents? The terror and possibility of this would be decreased greatly is these drivers were older and wiser. Things would be a whole lot different if the youngest drivers in Idaho were 18.

In Idaho as of right now, the minimum driving age is 16. At this age teens are in the middle of metomorphing from a crazy teen to an experienced adult. Things are messed up during this time, out of wack. The bottom line is that 16 year olds are just not mature enough to drive yet.

Second, since the age would be 18, these drivers would have at least two more years of learning experience. They would be more capable of handling themselves while driving. These drivers would have more knowledge and react smarter in tougher situations.

Last, age 18 drivers would be a lot safer. Since they would be older, it wouldn't worry

as many people either. Parents wouldn't have to be so concerned with having their teens driving around, because they would know that there is not a myraid of kids out there. When you turn 18 you are more of an adult than a kid. Therefore, you are safer and wiser.

So, I believe that the minimum age to have teens driving at is 18 because these teens are now close to adults. This age group has more experience, and everybody would be a whole lot safer.

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I think that the driving age should be sixteen rather than eighteen. Six-teen year olds are more mature than ages younger. Sixteen year olds have a less risk of having an accident than eight teen year olds. Its also a way for them to get better at driving. Six-teen year olds also should stop texting while driving. Eight-teen year olds don't always text while driving.

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18 is A good Age to get your drivers license. At 18 you will be Mature enough And Responsible enough to Drive on the Roads Safely.

Many 16 year olds Are not Responsible enough to Drive. if you were to get your Drivers license At 18 I bet Crash Ratings would go Down. If you were to get your license At 16 crash Ratings would go up.

So basicly 18 is A Perfect Age to get your Drivers license. 38% of All the crashes that happen Are teenagers. Alot of crashes Are involed with 16 year olds.

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"A high school student caused a fatal car accident last night," recited the anchorman. My mom then walks into the room exclaiming, "Another car crash? The driving age should be increased to 18." Through differing opinions it's very important to identify a driving age that matches the existing conditions of the state. Doing so will reinforce the continual development of a safe and secure driving system.

Let us first create a few target ages and their scenarios. What could be better than the age of adulthood, or 18? At this age, most students are going to college, meaning they're largely mature to make (mostly) correct decisions. From this point on, we should assume that these students will continue to mature making ~~them~~ them increasingly better drivers. The real question is how far to go under 18. Starting from the bottom you must have an age group in which the statistical mean height of the students is enough to comfortably see over the steering wheel and reach the pedals. This starts us off on around 14 years old. However most would agree such an age is far too young. This is true, certain

nodes in the brain which control the development of reasoning skills are not quite fully developed. Moving on to the age of 16 we see a reasonable age where accurate decisions can be made. However, simply looking at the age characteristics is not enough. The factors and variables that affect the driving conditions in the state itself must be considered. For example, in contrast to Idaho a state such as California has a far higher population density and more caution must be maintained while driving in these areas. Other factors include the state's size, terrain or geography, existing crime level, and even other state laws, but to name a few. So using these state factors and age characteristics, 16 years old is ideal for a state like Idaho. 16 both allows a student's freedom and relative safety. Also the more rural and peaceful enviornment of Idaho is more forgiving for this age group.

Overall, the lack of an established mass transit system, the forgiving driving enviornment, and the ~~com~~ ~~convie~~ convenience provided to the student makes 16 the ideal age for Idaho's driving age limit.

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Many people feel that Fifteen year olds or younger should not be driving. I disagree. In Idaho, people want to raise the driving age to 18, because they feel Sixteen year olds aren't mature enough. Here is why.

Most Freshman students will take Driver's Education their freshman year. This allows them to get their Driver's Permit, but only if they pass both tests. The rule is that you have to be fourteen and a half for Driver's Ed. They do this so that when you get your Permit you would be almost 15. When you do get your permit you need to have six months of Driving with a parent or a guardian that is over 18 years of age.

I think that when you get your license you should be almost sixteen or maybe older. When you get your license you shouldn't drive like a maniac or anything because you might lose your license or possibly your car. I think the age is appropiate because it then

gives you two years of experience until you turn eighteen. Most student driver's won't drive crazily because they don't want to lose their car or their license. Yes I think people are mature enough if they themselves think they are. For the first time I drove my car up to Ketchum and it was scary because everyone was honking at me, I was going a little too slow.

Some people want to raise the driving level to eighteen because they don't want their children to get hurt in a car accident or maybe even get hit by a car. But why are you punishing us when people get behind the wheel ~~the~~ drunk or sleep deprived. It isn't always teens, which is why I feel the bar should stay where it is.