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Driving Forces

Directions: The article "Heading Out for a Ride" (page 16) mentions some risks that teen drivers may face from a still-developing brain. But there are others. Read the list of facts below, and then complete the challenge.

Facts About Teens and Driving

- One-third of fatal teen crashes involve speeding.
- The crash risk doubles when one teen passenger is in the car. If there are two or more teen passengers, a crash is five times as likely.
- The risk of crashes doubles between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- The biggest distractions for drivers under age 20 are in-car electronics such as music, phones, and video screens.
- Seat belts reduce the risk of injury or fatality 45 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Well over a third of fatal teen crashes involve alcohol.
- Drivers with brand-new licenses have the highest crash rate.

Challenge:

Invent a scenario that includes every risk listed, and write it below. How realistic is it?

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