

## How old do I have to be to...???

### DRIVE



**Instruction permit** – If you are between the ages of 14 and 18, you can apply for an instruction permit to drive. You must hold this license for 180 continuous days before you may apply for another license. It allows you to drive a vehicle if you are accompanied by a parent or other adult with driving experience. (SDCL 32-12-11)

**Restricted minor's permit** – The permit allows you to drive during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. with permission from a parent or guardian. You may drive from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. if a parent or guardian is sitting next to you. The time restrictions do not apply when operating self-propelled agricultural machinery. (SDCL 32-12-12)

**Operator's license** – Once you are 16 years old and have passed all applicable tests and completed the requirements of an instruction permit, you can obtain a regular operator's license with no restrictions. (SDCL 32-12-17)

**Farm to market transportation** – You may drive from farm to market without a commercial driver's license if you are at least 16 and have a valid operator's license. (SDCL 32-12A-9)

**Off-road vehicles** – If you are 12 or older, you may operate an off-road vehicle in a highway ditch. (SDCL 32-20-12)

**Motor boats** – If you are less than 12, you can operate a boat only if you are accompanied by a parent or other adult. Once you are 12, you may operate a motor boat without an adult. (SDCL 42-8-69)

**Seat belts** – If you are driving a vehicle or riding with someone else, you must wear a seat belt if you are between the ages of 5 and 18. (SDCL 32-37-1.1 and 32-37-1.2)

### HUNT AND FISH



**Hunting licenses** – You must be 12 years old to obtain a hunting license. However, if you are 11 and you will turn 12 between September 1 and December 31, you may be granted a hunting license and be allowed to hunt beginning September 1. (SDCL 41-6-12)

**Hunter mentoring program** – If you are between the ages of 10 and 16, you can hunt without a license if you are accompanied by a hunting mentor. The hunting mentor, usually your parent or guardian or someone authorized by your parent, must be a South Dakota resident who has a valid hunting license for the type of game hunted. The mentor, by law, must provide you with direct supervision, and your hunting party may include no more than 6 people. (SDCL 41-6-81)

**Firearms safety** – If you are between the ages of 11 and 16, you must complete a hunters' safety course before you can obtain a hunting license. (SDCL 41-6-14)



**Fishing licenses** – You do not need a license to fish until you are 16 years of age. (SDCL 41-6-6)

## WORK AND EDUCATION



**Jobs** – If you are under age 14, you may not be employed while public school is in session and in no instance after 7:00 p.m. (SDCL 60-12-2)

If you are under age 16, you may not be employed in any occupation dangerous to life, health, or morals. However, if you are at least age 14, you may work at a gas station. (SDCL 60-12-3)



**Extracurricular activities** – If you are adjudicated, convicted, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance or marijuana, you are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for one year. (SDCL 13-32-9)



**Scholarships** – Any person adjudicated, convicted, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42 under circumstances which would constitute a felony under South Dakota law is ineligible for any scholarship to a postsecondary institution if the scholarship is funded by the State of South Dakota. (SDCL 13-55-29)