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What is the curfew for juveniles under 17?

There are two curfews in effect for juveniles under 17. The first is the Illinois State Curfew which applies to all persons under 17 years of age. The times are as follows:

Sunday night -Thursday night:	11:00 pm to 6:00 am
Saturday:	12:01 am to 6:00 am
Sunday:	12:01 am to 6:00 am

In addition, juveniles between 15 and 17-years-old may not be operating a motor vehicle without the presence of an adult between the following time periods:

Sunday night -Thursday night:	10:00 pm to 6:00 am
Friday night-Saturday night:	11:00 pm to 6:00 am

There are exceptions for both of these curfews. They may be obtained by visiting the web sites listed below and following the directions given.

Note: In addition, any parents/guardians who permit their children to be out past the Illinois State Curfew without a valid exception may also be in violation.

Punishment: Any individual, juvenile or adult, convicted of violating the Illinois State Curfew may be ordered to pay a fine from \$10 to \$500 and/or serve community service. A juvenile stopped by law enforcement for driving past the Graduated Driver's License may be issued a citation of \$75 and could result in the extension of the passenger restriction to age 20 and potential suspension.

For more information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and search for Graduated Driver's License. Also, the State Curfew Statute can be viewed at www.ilga.gov. Reference 720 ILCS 555/1

Also, visit the Forms/Publications page of our website, www.bagopolice.com to obtain a copy of the Illinois Secretary of State Parent-Teen Driving Contract.