

Resources

Raising a child in today's world is difficult. Children may experience various emotional and behavioral problems as they grow.

It is important to intervene early when problems are more easily resolved. Resources available to both parent and child include school counselors and social workers, clergy, community counseling services, the school Student Assistance program, and self-help groups such as AA, Alanon, or Families Anonymous.

Community Contacts

Child Protective Services ... 248-975-5010

Common Ground Sanctuary

Crisis Hotline 248-456-0909

Runaway Shelter

10-17 years old 248-547-2260

Transitional Living

16-20 years old 248-399-9795

Haven (Domestic & Sexual Abuse Shelter & Services) 248-344-1284

24 hr. Crisis Hotline 248-334-1274

Oakland County Health Department

Office of Substance Abuse ... 248-858-5200

Oakland County Probate Court

Juvenile Info 248-858-0112

Status Offenses 248-858-0191

Troy Community Coalition.... 248-823-5088

Troy Police Department 248-524-3477

Troy School District

Administrative Center 248-823-4000

Troy Youth Assistance 248-823-5095

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Your Child & the Law

Dear Parents and Youth,

It is important that both parents and youth be aware of the consequences connected with violations of the law. This brochure provides you with information regarding law violations that often bring young people into contact with the police and the court system.

Although involvement with the criminal justice system may be stressful and difficult, early intervention is in everyone's best interest. Therefore, we ask that you report all violations of the law. Please take a few moments and review the information contained in this brochure. We encourage you to discuss these matters with your family.

The Troy Community Coalition and Troy Police Department are striving to create a safe, substance abuse free environment within which our youth may achieve their maximum potential. Do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you or your family in any way.

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Youth and the Law

Children Under 17 Years

- Considered a minor
- Under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court; the court's purpose is to help young people through applied guidance and control.
- Depending on the offense and past delinquency record, police and prosecutors make a determination whether to petition the court or apply the Diversion Act, allowing the juvenile to be placed in counseling and community service programs (usually through Youth Assistance).
- Troy Police Department will notify parents if their child is arrested.

17 Years or Older

- Considered an adult
- Juvenile procedures do not apply.
- The Police Department may notify parents when a 17 year old child is arrested.

Juveniles may be treated as adults

Juveniles as young as 14 years of age may be tried as an adult and given an adult sentence for serious crimes like:

- Murder
- Attempted murder
- Crimes that inflict serious injury
- Arson
- Possession of 650 grams of narcotics
- Other major crimes

Alcohol

- It is unlawful for anyone under 21 years of age to purchase, possess, or consume alcohol.
- It is unlawful to provide alcohol to a minor, and a person may be sued for the resulting actions of the minor.
- Zero tolerance for drivers under 21 years of age; the blood alcohol content (BAC) cannot exceed .02%.

Alcohol or Drugs at Social Gatherings

- It is unlawful to host or allow a social gathering where illegal drugs are present or alcohol is in use by anyone under 21 years of age.
- Parents may face criminal and civil liability, even if not present.
- City ordinance allows officers to enforce excessive noise and disorderly behavior violations.

Controlled Substance

- It is unlawful to possess, in any shape or form, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, heroin, etc., or any drug not prescribed by a licensed physician.
- Added penalties apply if the offense occurs within 500 feet of a school or park.
- Vehicles and property may be forfeited.
- Minors may face driver license suspension even if a vehicle was not involved.

Curfew

- Under 12 years of age: 10 p.m.-6 a.m.
- Under 16 years of age: 12 a.m.-6 a.m.
- Minors are not allowed on public streets or in public places such as parks during curfew hours.
- Exceptions include: 1) when the minor is accompanied by a parent or other family member who is at least 18 years of age; 2) when coming from a school, church, or civic function attended with parental permission (must be prepared to prove); or, 3) in the course of employment.
- The minor can be petitioned to juvenile court for violating curfew.

Explosives and Firearms

- A firearm includes any weapon from which a dangerous projectile may be propelled by using explosives, gas, or air as a means of propulsion.
- It is unlawful to manufacture, possess, provide, or detonate any type of homemade or acquired explosive device, or make a threat to do so.
- It is unlawful to discharge any firearm, air rifle, air pistol, or bow and arrow in the city except when lawfully acting in defense of persons or property.

False Identification

- A person under 21 years of age using, altering, or providing false identification for use in purchasing alcoholic beverages is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Driver license will be suspended.

Fighting/Assault

- An **assault** is a verbal or physical threat or attempt to inflict offensive physical contact or bodily harm.
- A battery is a forceful or violent contact with another, without that person's consent.
- It is unlawful to engage in any disturbance, fight, or quarrel in a public place.
- Use of a weapon and/or the infliction of serious injury can result in the minor being tried as an adult.

Graduated Licensing

LEVEL 1 LICENSE - must be at least age 14 years, 9 months.

- Allowed to operate a motor vehicle only when accompanied by a licensed parent/legal guardian or a licensed driver over age 21 designated by the parent or legal guardian.

LEVEL 2 LICENSE - must be at least age 16.

- Allowed to drive without supervision except from midnight to 5 a.m.
- Driving is only permitted from midnight to 5 a.m. to and from employment or with a parent, legal guardian or designated licensed driver over 21.

LEVEL 3 LICENSE - must be at least age 17.

- Full driving privileges with no restrictions.

Hotel/Motel Room Renting

- Michigan law prohibits renting rooms for the purpose of allowing minors to drink alcohol or use illegal drugs.
- A person renting is liable whether present or not.
- City ordinance allows officers to enforce excessive noise and disorderly behavior violations.

Incorrigibility/Truancy

- Minors must obey parents/guardians and follow house rules. (Parental curfew can be more restrictive than city ordinance.)
- Minors must attend school.

Loitering

- Remaining in an area with no obvious reason so as to obstruct free and uninterrupted flow of public.

Malicious Destruction of Property

- Intentionally damaging public or private property belonging to another person.

Mopeds

- The driver must be 15 years of age and possess a valid moped or automobile driver license.
- The driver must have a valid registration sticker and possess the registration form.
- No passengers are allowed, even if there is a passenger seat.
- Moped riders under 18 years of age must wear a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet.
- The driver may only operate the moped in the street and must obey all traffic laws.

Playing in the Street

- It is unlawful to play any ball game or otherwise obstruct traffic on any public street or sidewalk.

Retail Fraud (Shoplifting)

- The value of the property does not matter.
- For a repeated offense or for property valued over \$1000, the offense becomes a felony.
- A person may be charged if assisting.

Seat Belts

Michigan Law requires the use of seat belts and car seats as follows:

Occupant's Age	In Rear Seat	In Front Seat
Under 1 year	Must be in child car seat*	Must be in child car seat*
1-4 years	In child car seat or safety belt*	Must be in child car seat*
4-16 years	In safety belt*	In safety belt*
16 years and older	No requirement	In safety belt**

*Driver receives citation for unbelted child

**Each violator receives citation.

Trespassing

- Entering private property without authority or having been forbidden; or past closure times.
- Entering any school property without legitimate school business, this includes suspended students.

Tobacco

- It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to purchase, possess, or use tobacco in any form.
- It is unlawful for any person to supply, sell, or otherwise make tobacco available to a minor under 18 years of age.