



Devices help parents track teen driving 🚗

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They drive less than most, but die more often behind the wheel.

According to the federal government, vehicular crashes are the leading killer of Americans between ages 15 and 20. And the numbers keep climbing: more than 3,600 in that age group died on the roads in 2003.

Those sobering statistics have always worried the parents of teenage drivers, but a new technology is allowing parents to keep track of their childrens' driving habits, no matter when or where they go.

Alltrack is a satellite-aided tracking device that monitors a car's every move. At News 8's request, teen driver Kyle Glanzer and his parents agreed to try it out.

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"It's kind of nerve-racking," Glanzer said. "It makes you nervous at first."

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Alltrack costs about \$330, plus a monthly fee. It uses satellite technology to track the car and notify a parent in real time when the driver violates preset limits such as speed, distance or location.

"I think it's a good piece of technology," said Kyle's father.

Alltrack is one of about a half-dozen auto monitoring devices now available online. Some sound an alarm or activate a warning light, while others just collect data to be downloaded later.

However, family therapist Rick Carson suggests these monitors only be used in the appropriate context.

"If it's used as a policing device, there's already been a breakdown in communication that needs to be cleared up," Carson said.

And, he said penalties have to be enforced.

Still, for parents who want help in monitoring their student drivers, technology has the tools.

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