

TEEN DRIVING AGREEMENT

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teens and young adults. More than 3,800 young people die every year in car crashes and thousands more are injured. Parents can play an important role in reducing these numbers and keeping their teens alive. Before you let your teen drive, set specific rules that must be followed.

I, _____, will drive carefully and cautiously and will be courteous to other drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians at all times.

I promise that I will obey all the rules of the road.

- Always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up.
- Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings.
- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely.
- Never use the car to race or to try to impress others.
- Never give rides to hitchhikers.

I promise that I will make sure I can stay focused on driving.

- Drive with both hands on the wheel.
- Never eat, drink, or use a mobile device while I drive.
- Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control.
- Call my parents for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely.

I promise that I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol.

- Drive only when I am alcohol and drug free.
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car.
- Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol and drug free.

I promise that I will be a responsible driver.

- Drive only when I have permission to use the car and I will not let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission.
- Drive someone else's car only if I have parental permission.
- Pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets.
- Complete my family responsibilities and maintain good grades at school as listed here: _____

- Contribute to the costs of gasoline, maintenance, and insurance as listed here: _____

I agree to the following restrictions, but understand that these restrictions will be modified by my parents as I get more driving experience and demonstrate that I am a responsible driver.

For the next _____ months, I will not drive after _____ pm.

For the next _____ months, I will not transport more than _____ teen passengers (unless I am supervised by a responsible adult).

For the next _____ months, I won't adjust the stereo or air conditioning/heater while the car is moving.

For the next _____ months, I will not drive in bad weather.

I understand that I am not permitted to drive to off-limit locations or on roads and highways as listed here: _____

I agree to follow all the rules and restrictions in this contract. I understand that my parents will impose penalties (see below), including removal of my driving privileges, if I violate the contract. I also understand that my parents will allow me greater driving privileges as I become more experienced and as I demonstrate that I am always a safe and responsible driver.

PENALTIES FOR CONTRACT VIOLATIONS

Drove after drinking alcohol or using drugs
No driving for _____ months

Got ticket for speeding or moving violation
No driving for _____ months

Drove after night driving curfew
No driving for _____ weeks/months

Drove too many passengers
No driving for _____ weeks/months

Broke promise about seat belts (self and others)
No driving for _____ weeks/months

Drove on a road or to an area that is off-limits
No driving for _____ weeks/months

Parent promise:
I also agree to drive safely and to be an excellent role model.

SIGNATURES

Driver _____ Date _____

Parent (or guardian) _____ Date _____

Parent (or guardian) _____ Date _____

