

## PARENT-TEEN SAFE DRIVING CONTRACT

Parents, you want your teenage driver to be safe, responsible, and free of drugs and alcohol while driving. You are agreeing to the terms outlined herein as a pledge to help your teenage driver become safe, courteous, and accountable behind the wheel.

Teens, you have received your driver's license, eager to get behind the wheel and start driving. You are entering into an agreement with your parents/guardians to show your commitment to driving safely on the road.

You agree to the terms outlined herein as a pledge to be a responsible driver by obeying the law and following the rules set by your parents.

Parents and teens: you mutually agree to the terms outlined below.

*Teen drivers have the highest crash risk of any age group. Per mile traveled, they have the highest involvement rates in all types of crashes, from those involving only property damage to those that are fatal.*

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### *Agreement*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (teen's name), acknowledge and respect that driving is a privilege, and granted at my parents' discretion as outlined in this contract, and always remains granted, subject to their discretion. I promise to abide by the following rules.

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that as parent/guardian, I am a role model for my teen driver and will show responsible driving while I am behind the wheel. I will encourage my teen to follow in my footsteps. I agree to trust my son/daughter while they engage behind the wheel, and I also pledge to help him/her through difficult situations to avoid dangerous situations.

### *Emergencies*

In any emergency situation, the teen agrees to contact the parents as soon as possible. If a ride is needed, parents agree to help the teen whenever possible. Phone calls are accepted at all hours, as well as emergency transportation at all hours. Parents will contact law enforcement when required by law, and will notify insurance companies when required by law, and as outlined in the terms of the family's insurance policy.

### *Passengers*

The teen will consult parents before riding with or offering rides to other teens. Because the presence of passengers is a distraction for inexperienced drivers and a high risk factor for teen car accidents, the teen will not be permitted to drive passengers for the first 6 months of driving (except in an emergency or with parental approval). Teens will not ride with other teen drivers until a parent has met, spoken with and approved the drivers in question. No rides may be accepted from teen drivers who have not had their license for at least 3-6 months.

*Reckless and distracted driving is the number one killer of teens in America.*

-IMPACT TEEN DRIVERS

### *Distractions*

Teens will not under any circumstances engage in behavior that may distract them or another driver from the task at hand while driving. Cell phone use of any kind, MP3 players, GPS systems, food, drink and makeup application are strictly prohibited. Teen will follow these rules and abstain from distracting other teen drivers when s/he is a passenger. S/he will also require any passengers to behave safely and in accordance with these rules.

### *Hazards*

The teen will neither drive nor ride in a car if there are drugs (legal or not), alcohol, firearms or other weapons present, nor will s/he ride with anyone they have reason to believe will or may introduce such hazards into the driving environment.

### *Police Encounters*

In the event of any police interactions or encounters, teens will inform parents of everything that occurs including citations, warnings and accidents. Teens will follow this rule whether they are driving or simply a passenger in another driver's vehicle at the time of the incident.

### *Vehicle & Insurance*

My teen may use a designated vehicle when permitted by the parents and shall s/he shall be insured accordingly. The vehicle shall be in good working order and the teen agrees that s/he will do his/her part in maintaining the vehicle (washing, gas, tidying up, etc.) at an agreed interim between teen and parent.

### *Terms*

Parents and teens, please initial next to each item. Teen agrees s/he will:

- Obey the law
- Drive the speed limit at all times
- Drive using a seatbelt
- Never text & drive
- Never use the cell phone while driving
- Never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Never drive on the freeway/highway past \_\_\_\_ p.m. (to be determined by parent)
- Call a parent in times of emergency
- Notify parent if car damage occurs
- Notify parent of traffic tickets or violations, including parking tickets
- Never allow some else to drive the vehicle, except in an emergency
- Limit passengers to \_\_\_\_\_ (to be determined by parent)

Additional Rules:

Rule: \_\_\_\_\_ initial \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

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Teen, please read the contract out loud in presence of a parent to confirm your understanding and acceptance of this parent-teen driving agreement. By your oral testament and signature below, you agree to the terms of the contract. By the power vested in you as a safe driver, you will strive to be a responsible and law-abiding motorist to the best of your abilities.

Signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Teen

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)