



Safe Driving Contract

Teens and parents or guardians: Discuss all features of this contract, initial or complete those that apply, cross out those that don't apply, then sign and date the last page.

I, _____, as a new driver, will drive carefully and cautiously and will be courteous to other drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians at all times. I will obey all traffic laws and road signs. I recognize that driving is a privilege that carries many responsibilities, and when I'm behind the wheel my attention will be fully on my driving – not phone calls or texts, music selections for the sound system or any other distractions from my focus on the task of operating the vehicle safely. I also recognize that my parents could suspend permission to drive if I'm irresponsible in other areas of my life, such as my school grades and attendance, my household chores and my behavior. This contract is the product of negotiations between my parents (or guardian) and me, and I agree to comply with what follows.

Teen Driver Commitments

Safety

I promise that I will

- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely
- Drive only when I am alcohol- and drug-free
- Always wear a seat belt and require all my passengers to wear seat belts
- Permit only _____ (number) passengers when I'm behind the wheel
- Not drive vehicles owned by others without my parents' permission
- Not let others drive my vehicle without my parents' permission
- Not eat while driving
- Never text or read texts, phone, surf the Internet or in any other way use a cell phone or any other interactive wireless communication device while driving
- Never drive when I'm drowsy or sleep-deprived
- Never give rides to hitchhikers
- Complete driver training classes

If I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely, I will call my parents for a ride home, no matter the situation or the hour.

I will drive only when I have my parents' permission to use the vehicle, and I will allow no one else to drive it unless I have permission. I will respect all laws about drugs and alcohol and never allow alcohol or illegal drugs in the vehicle.

I will obey the new bans in Pennsylvania and surrounding states on the use of cell phones and other interactive wireless communication devices.

As part of this contract negotiation, I will go over the vehicle with my parents to demonstrate that I know:

- how to operate and lock all latches and doors
- how to check and fill fluids
- recommended tire pressure
- the location of the spare and tools
- how to change the tire
- the location of the owner's manual, registration and insurance card
- what to do in case of an accident

Costs & Care

I will contribute a percentage of expenses related to the following responsibilities:

- Cost of vehicle
- Auto insurance
- Fuel & oil
- Routine maintenance
- Parking fees
- Damage due to abuse
- Collision damage
- Tickets, fines, penalties

I agree to perform these routine maintenance tasks:

- Wash vehicle and keep interior clean
- Maintain fuel level at ¼ tank or better
- Check oil level, tire pressure and washer fluid level every ____ weeks
- Report unusual performance, dash lights or "noises"
- Schedule routine maintenance and get vehicle to and from service

Courtesies

- I will provide my parents with my destination and time of return.
- I will call home if I feel I will not make curfew.
- I will not make unnecessary side trips or stops.
- I will not affix stickers or decals to the car without permission.
- I will not smoke in the vehicle nor allow others to do so.

I understand that the car I drive is my parent's or guardian's property and I may drive it only with their permission and in accordance with their rules and restrictions.

Parental Commitments

- We will provide and maintain a safe, insured and registered vehicle.
- We will pay for driver training classes/materials.
- We will be available to ride with you so you can fulfill your permit hour requirements and gain experience in a variety of conditions and locations.
- As your passenger, we will share observations and coaching calmly and respectfully.
- We are there when you need us. We will pick you up or arrange for your safe transportation home when you call us, regardless of the situation or the time.
- We will be role models and lead by example – especially by modeling "distraction free" driving and not using our cell phones while at the wheel.

Signatures

I agree to follow all the rules and restrictions negotiated in this contract. I understand my legal responsibilities and commitment to my family as a driver. I understand that my parents will impose penalties, including suspending 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 safe and responsible as a driver.

Teen Driver: _____ Date: _____

We, as parents or guardians and owners of the family vehicles, agree to serve as good role models in our own driving. We will encourage our teen's safe driving practices by fairly and consistently enforcing the terms of this agreement.

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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