



## 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. 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.

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### Teen Driver Commitments

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#### Safety

I promise that I will

- Drive only when I am alcohol-and drug-free
- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely
- 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 use a cellular phone, PDA or any other hand-held device while driving
- 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.

## Costs & Care

I will contribute a percentage/ dollar amount 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
- Keep fuel level at 1/4 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 may not drive past \_\_\_ pm
- 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.

## Immediate Suspension of Driving Privileges

The following actions will result in immediate suspension of driving privileges if a rule is broken even one time. And it is up to my parents to determine if/when privileges will be returned.

- Driving or driving with someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Reckless Driving: including racing, driving dangerously, stunt driving or driving in anyway other than driving for transportation purposes
- Not reporting to my parents or authorities an accident, incident or ticket that happened while driving.
- Sneaking out of the house to drive without permission or parental knowledge or outside of driving curfew times.
- Going outside of set driving limits, to use the car to engage in reckless behavior (such as a party or unauthorized road trip or to engage in illegal behavior)

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## Parental Commitments

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- 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.

**Monitoring**

My parents have full permission to monitor my driving at any time by using any/all of the following:

- Apps that monitor driving, speed, destination tracking, phone use
- Insurance monitors that attach to the car to ensure safe driving
- GPS tracking in the vehicle
- Parents may ask the teen driver to take them on a drive at any time to ensure they are using all of the safe driving techniques

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**Signatures**

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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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