

Parent-Teen Safe-Driving Agreement



Our family enters into this agreement covering the operation of any family vehicle by

(Teen's Name): _____

Non-Negotiable Rules (teen to acknowledge each rule with initials)

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

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

- _____ Wear my safety belt at all times, when driving or riding as a passenger
- _____ Require every passenger to wear a safety belt
- _____ Obey all the rules of the road
- _____ Obey traffic laws
- _____ Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings
- _____ Keep my doors locked while driving
- _____ 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

- _____ Never text while driving (writing, reading, or sending messages)
- _____ Never talk on the cell phone - including handsfree devices or speakerphone - while driving
- _____ Drive with both hands on the wheel
- _____ Never eat or drink while driving
- _____ 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, or if my driver is impaired in any way
- _____ Never use headphones or earbuds to listen to music while I drive

I PROMISE that I will not

- _____ Drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs
- _____ Be a passenger in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol or other drugs
- _____ Possess alcohol, drugs, or weapons in the car
- _____ Engage in thrill-seeking, stunts, or any form of racing
- _____ Conceal any tickets, warnings, or collisions from parents/guardians
- _____ Allow anyone else to drive the car until that privilege is given by my parents
- _____ Allow passengers, other than parents, until that privilege is given by my parents

General Rules (to be agreed upon by both parents and teen)

Our family agrees that our teen won't drive at night between the hours of _____ to _____ for a period of at least _____ months. We will work as a group to make sure that they are able to attend all school, social, and work activities during that time. Our family agrees that our teen won't drive with other teen passengers or be driven by a teen driver for a period of at least _____ months.

Parental Commitments (parents to initial all that apply)

- _____ We will provide and maintain a safe vehicle.
- _____ We will be available to ride with you so you can fulfill your graduated licensing law requirements and gain experience in a variety of conditions and locations.
- _____ As your passenger, you will share observations and coaching in a calm, respectful manner
- _____ We are there when you need us. We will pick you up or arrange for your safe transportation home, regardless of the situation or time of your call
- _____ We will be role models and lead by example.

Courtesies and Considerations (teen to acknowledge with initials)

As a new driver in our family, the teen driver agrees to comply with the following courtesies and considerations. I, _____ understand each violation represents a forfeit of privileges:

- _____ 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 drive outside of agreed upon territories or boundaries
- _____ I will not eat, drink or smoke in the car
- _____ I will pull over and park the car before using my cell phone, pager, or any electronic devices
- _____ I will not affix stickers or decals without permission
- _____ I will always treat pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists with courtes

Privileges and Responsibilities (parents to check all that apply)

Our family agrees that driving is a privilege linked to satisfactory behavior at home and school, including:

- _____ Complying with family rules
- _____ Completing duties at home properly and on time
- _____ Showing proper respect for parents and others
- _____ Maintaining attendance, conduct, and effort at school.

Mileage Linked to GPA (parents to fill out miles/frequency)

We further link the maximum number of times our teen can drive each week to grade point average:

Grade:

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| A | _____ Miles per week | _____ Times per week |
| B | _____ Miles per week | _____ Times per week |
| C | _____ Miles per week | _____ Times per week |
| D | _____ Miles per week | _____ Times per week |
| F | _____ Miles per week | _____ Times per week |

Operating Our Car (parents to check all that apply)

Our family agrees that our teen driver will perform the routine upkeep and maintenance of tasks indicated. If not checked, we the parents agree to perform the task:

- _____ Clear and clean windows and mirrors every time the vehicle is driven
- _____ Inspect and check tire pressure every time the vehicle is driven
- _____ Check fluids at each fill-up
- _____ Wash vehicle and keep interior clean
- _____ Report when fuel is less than 1/4 tank
- _____ Report unusual performance
- _____ Have routine maintenance/checks performed.

Expenses (parents to write in percentages)

Our family agrees that our teen driver will pay the indicated percentage of expenses related to the following responsibilities:

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| _____ Cost of vehicle | _____ Cost of insurance |
| _____ Parking fees/decals | _____ Tickets, fines, penalties |
| _____ Vehicle registration | _____ Maintenance costs |
| _____ Damage due to abuse | _____ Cost of insurance if grade point average drops below "B" |
| _____ Cost of fuel | |
| _____ Collision damage | |

Loss of Privileges (parents to fill out days)

We jointly agree that a citation for speeding of less than 10 mph over the limit shall result in a suspension of driving privileges for _____ days. For a violation in excess of 10 mph over, the suspension shall be _____ days.

For other traffic violations, the suspension schedule shall be:

- Parking ticket _____ Days suspension
- Careless driving _____ Days suspension
- Reckless driving _____ Days suspension
- Following too closely _____ Days suspension
- Failure to yield right-of-way _____ Days suspension
- Failure to signal _____ Days suspension
- Running a stop light _____ Days suspension
- Running a stop sign _____ Days suspension

Any "at-fault" collision resulting in \$500 damage or more shall result in a suspension of _____ days.

The frequency and severity of infractions will also result in the loss of driving privileges for an agreed-upon duration. This will be added to the violations as cited above.

- First offense _____ Days suspension
- Second offense _____ Days suspension
- Third offense _____ Days suspension
- Preventable crash _____ Days suspension
- Serious violation _____ Indefinite suspension
- Alcohol/drug use _____ Indefinite suspension

Shared Commitment

Our family pledges its support of our newest driver. We will do everything we can to promote safe driving and responsible behavior.

On the first of every month, we Parents/Guardians and Teens agree to have a meeting to discuss driving performance. These meetings are to provide helpful answers to any questions, comments, or concerns our teen may have. Further, we Parents/Guardians will provide feedback on our teen's driving performance at this time.

Additionally, there will be four random performance review dates throughout the course of one year. We Parents/Guardians will ride along with our teen driver and assess his or her driving performance. Some of the key behaviors are listed but not limited to:

- Safety belt use
- Signal use
- Braking
- Stopping
- Mirror use
- Turning
- Speed
- Lane maintenance
- Passing
- Following distance

It is recommended that each review vary the time of day, type of roadway, and other conditions for a more comprehensive assessment. Parents/Guardians are to provide a written assessment of teen driving performance and go over the issues identified with the teen. Parents/Guardians may determine an appropriate increase or decrease in driving privileges.

Teen's Pledge: Agreeing to all the rules and restrictions and signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I understand my legal responsibilities and commitment to my family that I am always a safe and responsible driver. I agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and accept the forfeit of privileges if I fail to comply.

(Teen's signature)

(Date)

Parents/Guardians' Pledge: 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 safe driving practices by our teens by fairly and consistently enforcing the terms of this agreement.

(Parent or guardian's signature)

(Date)

(Parent / guardian's signature)

(Date)