



**Driver
EDUCATION**



PARENT-TEEN AGREEMENT



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

I PROMISE.

I promise to obey the laws of the road.

- Always wear my seat belt as well as make all passengers buckle up
- Obey all traffic signals, signs, and pavement markings
- Obey the speed limit and drive cautiously
- Never race my car or try to impress others
- Never give rides to hitchhikers

I promise that I will stay focused on driving and not drive distracted.

- Never text while driving, this includes writing, reading or sending messages
- Never talk on the cell phone while driving, this includes hands-free devices and speakerphone
- Drive with both hands on the wheel
- Never consume food or beverages while driving
- Drive only when I am alert and in control of my emotions
- Never use ear buds or headphones to listen to music or talk on the phone while driving

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

- Drive only when I am 100% sober (Free of drugs and alcohol)
- Never allow alcohol or illegal drugs in my car
- Be a passenger only with drivers who drive sober
- Call my parent/guardian(s) 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

I promise that I will be a responsible driver.

- Drive only when I have my parent/guardian's permission to use the car;
I will not let anyone else drive the car without my parent/guardian's permission
- Drive someone else's car only if I have permission from my parent/guardian
- Take steps to avoid receiving traffic citation and parking tickets
- Complete my family requirements and maintain good grades at school as listed here:

- Contribute to the costs of maintaining, insuring and fueling the car as listed here:

PROTECTIONS:

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

- For the next ____ months, I will not drive after ____ p.m.
- For the next ____ months, I will not transport more than ____ teen passengers (unless accompanied by my parent/guardian).
- For the next ____ months, I will not drive in bad weather.
- I understand that I am not allowed to drive to any locations that my parent/guardian has listed as off limit below:

- Additional protections:

CONSEQUENCES FOR AGREEMENT VIOLATIONS

- Drove while texting (composed, read, sent message or email with phone). **No driving for ____ weeks/months.**
Research from the AAA foundation for Traffic Safety found that 6/10 teen crashes involve distraction and that potentially unsafe mental distractions can persist for as long as 27 seconds after a driver finishes using voice based technology to dial, change music, or send a text message.
- Drove while talking on the cell phone (Including hands-free or speaker phones). **No driving for ____ weeks/months.** *Dozens of research studies have shown that when using a cell phone while driving, the risk of being involved in a collision increases up to four times, often with fatal results.*
- Drove after consuming alcohol or drugs. **No driving for ____ weeks/months.** *Young drivers, ages 16 to 19, with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.02% to 0.05% are at least seven times more likely to be killed in a crash than a sober driver at any age.*
- Got ticket for speeding or moving violation. **No driving for ____ weeks/months.** *The fatality rate for crashes involving speeding teen driver is approximately 4 times higher than for crashes in which the teen driver was not speeding.*
- Drove alone after the agreed upon nighttime protection time without permission. **No driving for ____ weeks/months.** *Fatality rates of crashes involving teen drivers at night have been found to be more than 3 times the fatality rates of these types of crashes during the day.*
- Drove too many passengers. **No driving for ____ weeks/months.** *AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety research shows fatality rates in crashes with a teen driver carrying only teen passenger's increase exponentially with the number of passengers. (With one teen passenger the risk of a fatal crash is nearly 50% higher, with two teen passenger's fatal crash risk doubles, and with three or more teen passengers it quadruples.)*
- Broke promise about seat belts (self and passengers). **No driving for ____ weeks/months.** *In a 30 mph crash, a 150-pound passenger would absorb 4,500 pounds of crash force. When seat belts are properly used by front-seat occupants, chances of fatal injury are reduced by 45%.*
- Drove on a road or to an area that is off limits. **No driving for ____ weeks/months.** *The overall crash rate of drivers ages 16-17 years was nearly double that of drivers ages 18-19, and approximately 4.5 times that of drivers ages 30-59. The sobering fact is that traffic crashes are the number one killer of young people ages 15-20.*

I agree to follow all the rules and protections in this agreement. I understand that my guardian will impose consequences, including removal of my driving privileges, if I violate the agreement. I understand that as my parent/guardian(s) will allow me greater driving privileges as I become more experienced and as I demonstrate that I am always a safe and responsible driver.

Driver: _____ Date: _____

It's no secret that parents/guardians play a critical role in the learning-to-drive process, from checking into state licensing processes to supervising practice driving. With all the details involved in getting your teen safely behind the wheel, it's a good idea to have a game plan.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PROMISE: I agree to drive safely and to be an excellent role model.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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