

PARENT-DRIVER CONTRACT

Every teen looks forward to getting their license, and every parent is equally as excited to watch their son or daughter grow up to face new experiences and challenges. Along with this excitement, however, there is an element of worry. Parents know that driving can be fun, that it can be liberating, but that it can also be dangerous. To ease this concern and establish a basis of trust, a parent-driver contract provides the opportunity to form an open line of communication about the importance of safety and the expectations that come with the new and profound responsibility of driving.

This parent-driver contract may seem rather formal, but it is nothing more than a symbol of the great passage of knowledge that goes into learning to drive. It provides a moment for parent and son or daughter to reflect on the many things that go into being a safe and responsible driver. It's not the sort of contract that would ever hold up in any court, but more of a pact. It's a pact between parent and teen that says that says nothing more than "I'll be a good teacher, if you be a good student".

COMMITMENT TO SAFETY:

By signing this contract, we commit ourselves to the safe driving requirements and understandings stated in this Agreement.



IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MYSELF AND OTHERS, I WILL DRIVE WITH CARE AND CAUTION AND DISPLAY THE SAME COURTESY THAT I EXPECT FROM OTHER DRIVERS, BICYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS, AND WHOEVER ELSE SHARES THE ROAD.

RULES OF THE ROAD

I understand that there are rules to the road, and I promise to follow them.

I WILL:

- Always make sure that I and my passengers are properly buckled up
- Stay within speed limits
- Adhere to all traffic lights, stop signs, and other signs/road markings
- Obey all other traffic laws

I WILL NOT:

- Drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Be a passenger with a driver under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Attempt to impress others by racing or driving recklessly
- Allow illegal drugs or weapons in the car

DISTRACTED DRIVING

I understand that distracted driving is one of the leading causes of accidents.

I WILL:

- Drive with both hands on the wheel
- Speak up when someone is acting in a distracting manner, whether I am the passenger or driver
- Encourage others to drive without talking on the phone or texting

I WILL NOT:

- Text or talk on the phone while driving
- Allow distractions such as music, food, or other passengers reduce my focus on driving safely
- Drive when I am not alert and in emotional control

BEING A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER

I understand what it means to be a responsible driver.

I WILL:

- Drive only when I have permission
- Drive another person's car only if I have permission
- Complete all of my family and educational responsibilities
- Come to an agreement with my parents pertaining to my contributions to car-related costs, such as gas, maintenance, and insurance

I WILL NOT:

- Conceal collisions, tickets, or warnings from my parents
- Allow anyone else to drive the car without parental permission
- Allow passengers until the privilege has been granted

PENALTIES

I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE ABOVE STATED RULES AND RESTRICTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO DO SO WILL LEAD TO PENALTIES SUCH AS THE LOSS OF MY DRIVING PRIVILEGES. THE AGREED UPON PENALTIES ARE:

VIOLATION	CONSEQUENCE
DUI OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: day/week/month suspension of privileges.
PARKING TICKET: day/week/month suspension of privileges.
TICKET FOR SPEEDING OR MOVING VIOLATION: day/week/month suspension of privileges.
DRIVING AFTER CURFEW: day/week/month suspension of privileges.
TOO MANY PASSENGERS: day/week/month suspension of privileges.
LACK OF SEATBELTS: day/week/month suspension of privileges.
DRIVING BEYOND AGREED UPON BARRIERS: day/week/month suspension of privileges.

TEEN DRIVER

I agree to follow all of the above stated rules and restrictions, and I understand that failure to do so will lead to penalties such as the loss of my driving privileges.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I promise to provide and maintain a safe vehicle, pay for driver training classes and materials; be available to ride along in a respectful and calm manner in order to provide you with a variety of driving experiences and so that you can complete your Graduated Licensing Law requirements; pick you up or arrange a ride home when you need me regardless of your situation or the time of your call; and lead by example by exhibiting safe driving behavior.

SIGNATURE OF TEEN DRIVER

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