

Teen Driving Contract

Driving a car is serious business, so I want to make it clear that I understand:

- _____ Car accidents are the leading cause of death of people 16-20 years old.
- _____ I am more likely to die in an auto accident than from any other cause.

My rules:

- _____ I will wear my seatbelt at all times – when I’m driving the car and when I’m a passenger.
- _____ I will ensure passengers in my car wear their seatbelts while I am driving.
- _____ I will obey posted speed limits.
- _____ I may not drive after _____ PM/AM.
- _____ I will check the tire pressure of all four tires (and the spare) on the fourth of every month.
- _____ I will not drink and drive.
- _____ I will not ride with anyone who has used alcohol or drugs; If this situation arises, I will call my parent(s)/ guardian(s) to arrange transportation.
- _____ I will not allow alcohol or drugs in the car I’m driving or riding in.
- _____ I will not engage in stunt or thrill-seeking driving, not matter what.
- _____ I will tell my parent(s)/guardian(s) of any and all tickets, accidents and police contact.
- _____ I will not drive with any guns or other weapons in the vehicle.
- _____ I must ask permission to drive each time; my parent(s)/guardian(s) will know where I am. No side trips or unscheduled stops.
- _____ I will not be allowed to have any passengers during the first month of driving. After that time period, I’ll talk to my parent(s)/guardian(s) and we’ll determine together if that can be adjusted.
- _____ I will not drive on streets, highways or in areas that are designated as off-limits. After I’ve been driving for a while and gain more experience, my parent(s)/guardian(s) and I will revisit the list of places that are off-limits.
- _____ I will not let anyone else drive my car without permission from my parent(s)/guardian(s) on each specific occasion.
- _____ I will not drive in bad weather. I will contact my parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss bad weather or road conditions to determine whether I should drive.
- _____ I will not drive if I’m upset or angry. I will contact my parent(s)/guardian(s) for transportation and my parent(s)/guardian(s) agree not to ask too many unnecessary questions.
- _____ I will take care of my vehicle, including keeping it reasonably clean and well-maintained.
- _____ I will not smoke in the car and I won’t let any passengers smoke in the car.
- _____ I will not eat while driving.
- _____ I will not text message while driving.
- _____ I will not talk on my cell phone while driving.
- _____ I will not use electronic devices while driving. I will pull over if I want to use them.
- _____ I will only play the car stereo at low volume and one station.
- _____ I will not apply makeup while driving.
- _____ I will not get anything out of a purse, backpack, glove compartment, etc.
- _____ I will be responsible for paying any fines related to driving-related tickets.
- _____ I will provide transportation for family members at the direction of my parent(s)/guardian(s), and I understand that this responsibility may override my own interests in using the car.

Some other rules:

- _____ If my parent(s)/guardian(s) tell me I can’t drive, for whatever reason, I must give up my keys immediately with no argument or debate. I can ask to talk to my parent(s)/guardian(s) after 24

hours have passed to understand why I'm not allowed to drive and what I need to do to earn their trust to be able to drive again.

_____ If I drive in defiance of my parent(s)/guardian(s)' order not to drive, this contract is null and void and I can't drive for at least one year.

_____ If I break any of the rules, my parent(s)/guardian(s) can choose any of the following:

- Indefinite suspension of driving privileges.
- Three month suspension of driving privileges.
- Six week suspension of driving privileges.

_____ I understand that this contract can be made stricter at any time my parent(s)/guardian(s) believe that is the best thing to do but it can also become less strict if I follow the rules and gain more driving experience.

Signature

DRIVER _____ Date _____