

# Teen Driver and Parent Contract

## Level 1 License (Learner's Permit)

### *Teen's Promise to Parents:*

Every year thousands of new teen drivers like me get killed or badly injured in car crashes. I know you love me and want to protect me. You've made the following rules to keep me safe when I'm driving.



**I have read each rule and initialed beside it to show I understand what it means and agree to obey it.**

### **I WILL NEVER** —

- Drive without a sober, licensed co-pilot who has been approved by you, in the passenger seat beside me \_\_\_\_\_
- Drive between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Drive on these roads (Please define.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Drive after using illegal drugs \_\_\_\_\_
- Drive after drinking any alcohol. \_\_\_\_\_
- Drive without my seatbelt fastened. \_\_\_\_\_
- Allow anyone to ride in my vehicle without a seatbelt. \_\_\_\_\_
- Talk on a cell phone or text while I am driving. If I need to make a call, I will pull over in a safe location first. \_\_\_\_\_
- Drive aggressively or show hostile behavior toward other drivers \_\_\_\_\_
- Race or engage in stunts or other risky behavior \_\_\_\_\_
- Conceal tickets, warnings or crashes from my parents \_\_\_\_\_
- Allow anyone else to drive the car \_\_\_\_\_

- Get in a car with a driver who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol \_\_\_\_\_
- Wear headphones when I'm driving. \_\_\_\_\_
- Eat, drink or smoke while I'm driving. \_\_\_\_\_
- Allow anyone else to smoke in the car. \_\_\_\_\_

**The consequences for failure to abide by these rules will be: (Be specific.)**

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**I WILL ALWAYS –**

- Obey all speed limits, traffic signs and traffic lights. \_\_\_\_\_
- Do my best to tell you when I feel pressured to do things that make me uncomfortable or worry me \_\_\_\_\_
- Let you know where I'm going, who I'm with, when I will arrive and when I will return. If my plans change, I will let you know as soon as I can. \_\_\_\_\_
- Keep the music and noise at a level where I can still hear noises like sirens. \_\_\_\_\_
- Try to make a plan for how I'll get home safely, before I go out \_\_\_\_\_

**The consequences for failure to abide by these rules will be: (Be specific.)**

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**Parent/Guardian's Promise to Teen:**

Because I love and trust you and want you to be safe.

**I WILL NOT -**

- Drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Ride with a driver who has had too much to drink \_\_\_\_\_
- Use my cell phone or text when I drive. \_\_\_\_\_

**I WILL** –

- Provide and maintain a safe vehicle for your driving practice \_\_\_\_\_
- Pay (or co-pay) for your driving lessons and materials \_\_\_\_\_
- Be available for driving practice for at least (an average of) 2 hours per week \_\_\_\_\_
- Provide practice on a variety of road types and driving conditions \_\_\_\_\_
- Share my observations and coaching in a calm, respectful manner \_\_\_\_\_
- Wear my seatbelt and require everyone in my vehicle to wear theirs. \_\_\_\_\_
- Avoid making decisions that will jeopardize my health and safety or cause you to lose your trust in me. \_\_\_\_\_
- Provide you with Safe Passage as defined below \_\_\_\_\_

**The consequences for failure to abide by these rules will be:**

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***The Safe Passage Clause***

If you are ever in a situation that threatens your safety, *please* contact me for a safe ride home. I promise to pick you up without question. It doesn't matter where you are, what time it is or what the situation is. I would rather drive across town at 3 a.m. to pick you up, than identify your body in the morgue the next morning.

I won't yell at you or be angry because I want you to call me if you need help. We will postpone discussions about that situation until we can both discuss the issues in a calm, caring way.

If you can't reach me when you need me, the following people have agreed to help you with advice, or a sober ride home regardless of the time or circumstances -

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## Allowed Teen Drivers

We agree that you can ride with the following drivers under the circumstances outlined below:  
(for example: "Julie Smith - to and from school only)

**I understand that the terms of our Teen Passenger-Parent Contract also apply.**

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**Teen Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature (s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_