

Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

FROM A PARENT TO A TEEN DRIVER:

Wow! I can't believe you've reached this age—the age when you're old enough to drive. It's a milestone every teenager comes to, and I know how excited you are; I'm excited for you.

Every teenager is excited to take the keys and go on his or her first solo ride, so I'm sure you're ready to get behind the wheel on your own. Before then, it's important that we have a few ground rules to ensure that you are safe and that I have peace-of-mind. Car crashes kill more American teenagers than anything else, so we both need to make sure you're prepared to drive safely, with attentiveness and according to a set of rules and boundaries.

I know you'll be a fine driver, and I know you'll follow the rules we both agree on; then you can have your driving freedom and we both can have the security of knowing you'll be safe!



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I, _____, will drive carefully and cautiously and will be thoughtful of other drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorcyclists at all times.

BEFORE I TAKE THE CAR

- I will check in with _____ before leaving to make sure that he/she will know where I will be going and what time to expect me home.
- I will let you know about any passengers I plan to have in the car with me and will have no more than ____ teen passengers unless supervised by a responsible adult.
- The consequences for my violations will be: No Driving For _____ weeks/months

I PROMISE TO OBEY ALL OF THE RULES OF THE ROAD

- My passengers and I will always wear a seatbelt.
- I will obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings.
- I will not speed or drive aggressively, and promise to obey speed limits.
- I will never pick up hitchhikers.
- The consequences for my violations will be: No Driving For _____ weeks/months

I WILL OBEY ALL DRUG AND ALCOHOL LAWS

- I will only drive when I am alcohol and drug free.
- I will never allow alcohol or drugs in the car.
- I will never get in a car with a driver that is not alcohol and drug free.
- The consequences for my violations will be: No Driving For _____ weeks/months

CELL PHONES AND OTHER DRIVING DISTRACTIONS

- I will never use my cell phone while my car is running and will pull over to call, text, use my GPS, and anything else that may take my attention away from the road.
- The consequences for my violations will be: No Driving For _____ weeks/months

I WILL BE A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER

- I will drive only when I have permission to do so.
- I will never let anyone else drive my car unless I have permission and I will never drive someone else's car without permission.
- I will pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets that I receive.
- I am expected to contribute ____ a month to the costs of gas, maintenance and insurance.
- I will complete my family responsibilities.
- I will maintain good grades in school
- The consequences for my violations will be: No Driving For _____ weeks/months

ADDITIONAL PROMISES

- _____
- _____
- The consequences for my violations will be: No Driving For _____ weeks/months



Signatures

Driver: _____ Date: _____

Parent Promise: I also agree to drive safely and to be a good role model.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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A Message from the Law Offices of Richard J. Serpe, P.C.

Many parents and young drivers sign a "Parent-Teen Driving Agreement," wherein the teenager promises to drive safely and obey all traffic laws and regulations. These agreements are valuable for reminding first-time drivers that driving brings with it a set of responsibilities that must be followed.

The most common kind of accident for teen drivers involves only a single vehicle – their own. Excessive speed, driver distraction, alcohol use, and lack of seatbelt use all contribute to fatal accidents. One of the ways to combat the high accident rate of teen drivers is to communicate and instill good driving practices.

The Serpe Firm cares about your family and wants you and your teenage driver to stay safe on the roads.

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