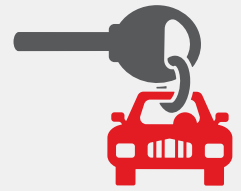


# Parent-Teen Driving Contract

## Did You Know?

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens<sup>1</sup>



### Teen's Agreement to Rules of the Road

This is a contract you can use with your son or daughter to agree on driving behaviors for your teen and for you as a parent. The development of this Driving Contract between teen drivers and their parents is not intended to be a one-time event. We urge you to make it a continuing conversation about safety and responsibility as you help your teens navigate the dangers of their first few driving years.

#### Speeding

**I agree to:** Obey the posted speed limit.

*Did You Know?* A total of 1,100 teenagers ages 16-19, died driving in motor vehicle crashes in 2014.<sup>2</sup>

#### Seat Belts

**I agree to:** Have all passengers in my car, including me, wear a seat belt.

*Did You Know?* Of the teens (aged 13-20) who died in passenger vehicle crashes in 2013, approximately 56% were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.<sup>3</sup>

#### Cell Phones, Texting, Loud Music and Other Distractions

**I agree to:** Not use a cell phone for talking or texting while driving.

*Did You Know?* In 2013, 10% of teen drivers involved in fatal crashes were distracted at the time of the crash.<sup>4</sup>

#### Time of Day

**I agree to:** Follow the curfew requirements of the Graduated Driver License (GDL) law in my state.

*Did You Know?* 20% of all fatal crashes involving teens happen between 9 p.m. and midnight.<sup>5</sup>

#### Number of Passengers

**I agree to:** Follow the passenger requirements of the Graduated Driver License (GDL) law in my state.

*Did You Know?* The presence of teen passengers increases the crash risk of unsupervised teen drivers. This risk increases with the number of teen passengers.<sup>6</sup>

#### Drinking and Drugs

**I agree to:** Not drink or take drugs and drive.

*Did You Know?* 20% of 15-19 year-old drivers who were killed in car crashes during 2014 had been drinking.<sup>7</sup>

#### Stop Signs/Traffic Signals

**I agree to:** Obey traffic signals and signs.

I agree to follow the contract as outlined in this document and will accept the consequences agreed upon with my parents, in addition to any imposed by law or regulation. If I fail to meet this agreement:

- I will lose my driving privileges for \_\_\_\_\_ days/weeks.
- I will lose my cell phone privileges for \_\_\_\_\_ days/weeks.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Driver Signature

Date

### Parent's Agreement to Rules of the Road

Research shows that teens mimic their parents' driving behaviors, as observed from an early age.

- I commit to providing you with consistent driving practice either with myself or with a qualified licensed adult.
- I commit to being a good example of responsible driving by obeying the rules of the road as required by law.
- If you follow the rules of the road, I agree to reward you by \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

Date

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen\\_drivers/](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen_drivers/)

<sup>2</sup><http://www.iihs.org/iihs/topics/t/teenagers/fatalityfacts/teenagers2014>

<sup>3</sup>[http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen\\_drivers/teendrivers\\_factsheet.html](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen_drivers/teendrivers_factsheet.html)

<sup>4</sup><https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812132>

<sup>5</sup><http://www.iihs.org/iihs/topics/t/teenagers/fatalityfacts/teenagers>

<sup>6</sup>[http://www.cdc.gov/MotorVehicleSafety/Teen\\_Drivers/teendrivers\\_factsheet.html](http://www.cdc.gov/MotorVehicleSafety/Teen_Drivers/teendrivers_factsheet.html)

<sup>7</sup><http://www.safercar.gov/parents/TeenDriving/alcohol.htm>