

Teen Safety Driving Contract

New Driver Privileges

New drivers have more car accidents than any other drivers. In fact, traffic crashes are the number one killer of teens. It's critical for teen drivers to accept the responsibilities that help them become safe drivers. One poor judgment by a new driver can impact the rest of their lives and their parents.

Financially parents take on a large liability when allowing their teens to drive. Families have lost their home and life savings because of auto accidents. Below are responsibilities that both teen and parents agree to ensuring safe driving practices.

I. Teen Driver Responsibilities

I, _____, agree to the Teen Driving Responsibilities listed below.

If one of the rules below is broken (regardless of if it's an accident or on purpose), I will lose my driving privileges for _____.

Avoid Distractions:

- Do not talk on a cell phone when driving. I will pull over to call someone or to return a phone call.
- Do not play music loud and do not adjust music while driving. I will keep the music low so that I can hear emergency vehicles and I will keep my eyes on the road at all times.
- Do not turn your head to speak to others in the car or to look at a distraction outside the car. If someone is speaking to me I will keep my eyes on the road at all times when answering them or if they ask me to look at something I will tell them I cannot while driving.

Adhere to Traffic Laws:

- I will wear my seat belt and all other passengers are required to wear a seat belt.
- I will drive within the speed limit.
- I will stop at all Stop signs and red lights.
- I will not drive too close or carelessly.
- I will abide by all traffic laws.
- I will pay for traffic ticket(s) I receive and any difference in car insurance rate as a result of my ticket(s). (I will also lose my driving privilege for the specified time written above.)
- I will pay for damages that I incur not covered by car insurance including deductibles.

GPA, Curfews, and Passengers:

- I will maintain a grade point average of _____ or better to keep my driving privilege.
- I will inform my parents where I am driving and when I will return. I will call my parents if there are changes for approval.
- I will not drive later than _____ pm unless we have a prior agreement. (As I become a better driver, I may receive later curfew times.)
- The first _____ months of driving with my license, I will not drive any friends or passengers without an adult in the car.
- After I have been driving for _____ and have shown my parents I am responsible, I may have no more than _____ passengers in car with all of them wearing a seat belt.

The Florida Graduated Drivers License law states:

- Age 16 – you are only allowed to drive between 6:00am and 11:00pm.
- Age 17 – you are only allowed to drive between 5:00am and 1:00am.

Note: If you drive during hours not approved in the graduated driver's license law, you must have a licensed driver age 21 or older with you occupying the front passenger seat.

Car Care:

- I am allowed to drive the following car: _____
- I will clean out the car clutter after I drive it every day.
- I will wash the car, vacuum and clean the inside once a month (or more often, if needed.)

If a Zero Tolerance rule is broken (regardless of if it's an accident or on purpose), I will lose my driving privileges for _____.

Zero Tolerance for Drinking and Drugs:

- I will not drink and drive, use any drugs and drive, or have any alcoholic drinks or illegal drugs in my car. If I need a ride home, I will call my parents and my driving privileges will not be affected.
- I will not ride in a car with another driver who has been drinking or using drugs. If I need a ride home, I will call my parents and my driving privileges will not be affected.

II. Optional Responsibilities:

- I will fill the car up with _____ (amount) of gas when the tank gets close to _____ (tank level.)
- I will have the oil changed every _____ (miles) and check the tires air pressure.
- I will pay _____ (amount) for car insurance every month no later than _____ (day).

III. Parent Responsibilities:

As a driving coach, I will:

- Set aside scheduled time to review safe driving practices behind the wheel on _____ (day.)
- Review emergency procedures for accidents, car breakdowns, tire changes, needing help, or getting lost.
- Accept a call at any time during the day or night from my child when a ride is needed or assistance with the car is needed and will not discipline my child.

We have read the above agreement and agree upon the set rules and consequences on _____ (date.)

Parent Signature: _____

New Driver Signature: _____