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## TO MY TEEN DRIVER

This is an exciting time in your life! You can drive!

This is a terrifying time in my life. You can drive!

As you know, car crashes are the number-one killer of American teens. That is a scary statistic for me as a parent handing the keys over to my teen. At the same time, I understand that your new independence as a driver is important to you and potentially helpful to me.

Therefore, I want us to agree to some fundamental rules for your driving experience. If you follow these rules, you will maintain your driving privileges. If you do not, you will face consequences. Likewise, I have included my own promises and responsibilities, and I have even included rewards if you exhibit outstanding driving behavior.

Together, if we abide by these rules, we can keep you safe and give you the freedom you desire!



# Teen And Parent Driving Agreement

## BEFORE YOU DRIVE

- Check in with me before you drive.
- Let me know where you are going and what time to expect you home.
- Tell me who your passengers will be.

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

## SAFE HABITS IN THE CAR

- Always wear a seat belt
- Make all of your passengers wear seat belts.
- Obey all traffic laws and posted signs.
- Never speed or drive aggressively.
- Keep both hands on the wheel.

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

## PASSENGERS

- Never drive with more than \_\_\_\_\_ teenage passenger(s) in the car.
- If you believe your passenger is being unsafe or distracting you, pull over and call me. You can tell me a white lie so that your passenger is unaware of your concerns and I will come get you! (For example, "I suddenly feel too sick to drive.") (See "CALL ME" section below.)

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

## CELL PHONES, FOOD AND MUSIC

- Never use your cell phone while the car is running. This includes talking, texting and even GPS usage. Pull over to call, text, or to figure out where you are.
- Do not use earphones or an mp3 players in the car.
- Do not eat while you are driving.

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

- Never drive if you have used drugs or alcohol.
- Never allow drugs or alcohol into your car.
- Never allow passengers who have used drugs or alcohol into your car.
- Never get into another car with a driver who has used drugs or alcohol.
- Never get into another car where drugs or alcohol are present.

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY**

- I expect you to pay for all traffic citations. Until those are paid, you can't use the car.
- I expect you to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ a month to the costs of gas, maintenance and insurance.

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

**GRADES**

- I expect you to maintain good grades in order to keep your driving privileges. If your grades drop below a \_\_\_\_\_ average, you will lose driving privileges until they improve.

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

**CALL ME**

- Call home or my cell phone if you are concerned for your safety as a driver or as a passenger.
- As your parent, I promise that I will pick you up no matter where you are, no matter the time of day or night.
- I promise not to ask embarrassing questions in front of your friends if you call me.

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

**BE A GOOD FRIEND**

- When you're in the car with another teen driver, speak up when you notice unsafe behavior! There is a good chance that your friend just wants your "permission" to be safe without trying to impress you.
- Let your friends know that you admire safe driving habits.

Consequences for violations: No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.

## REWARDS FOR EXCELLENT DRIVING BEHAVIOR

To my teen,

- For every one month of safe driving, following all of the rules outlined here with zero infractions, I will \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If you achieve six months of safe driving, following all of the rules outlined here with zero infractions, I will \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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(Suggested rewards: pay part of your cell bill; fill your gas tank; get you that “bling” you’ve always wanted, etc..)

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## Signed Agreement

### Teen Driver

I agree to abide by all of these rules in order to maintain my driving privileges.

Signature:	Date:
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### Parent

I promise to take time to help my teenager develop good driving habits. I will also listen when he/she proposes reasonable changes to this contract.

Signature:	Date:
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