

TEEN-PARENT DRIVING CONTRACT

I (_____), on this day, (_____), do agree to the stipulations by my parents stated below regarding the privilege of driving a vehicle (whether my own, a friend's, a relative's, and/or my parents' vehicle). If, at any time, I violate any part of this "Teen-Parent Driving Contract," my driving privileges will be forfeited for a period of time as determined by law enforcement and/or by my parent(s)/guardian(s) signing below.

1. I will take and pass an appropriate driver-training course.
2. Before leaving on any driving trip, I will discuss with my parent(s)/guardian(s) where I'm going and when I'll be back.
3. I understand that my driving safely is not just protection for me, but also for every passenger in my car, and for everyone else on the road, including small children and babies on the sidewalks and in other vehicles. I understand that it's my responsibility to protect everyone. I understand that if I don't take driving seriously, I run the risk of seriously injuring or killing an innocent person or myself.
4. I will not speed -- particularly in school zones and/or in bad weather.
5. I will obey all traffic laws (including curfews or other laws specific to my city or state).
6. I will drive safely and defensively at all times.
7. I will not be a passenger in a vehicle that is being driven unsafely or illegally.
8. I will call -- at any time of the day or night -- a parent/guardian/friend/relative/law enforcement officer/taxi driver for help in getting home if -- for any reason -- I am not able to drive both safely and legally. The person called will come and get me immediately. If I call a taxi and cannot pay for it, my parent/guardian will pay for it. Making this intelligent and responsible phone call will NOT result in the loss of driving privileges or other punishment.
9. I know that the parent(s)/guardian(s) signing below will always love me and accept me -- even if I make a mistake. I also recognize that this love and acceptance requires one or both of them to suspend my driving privileges if either feels it is warranted.
10. I accept that the parent(s)/guardian(s) signing below have more experience than I do on the road, and so I will listen to and carefully consider the advice that I am given. If the parent(s)/guardian(s) signing below feel that more training on my

part is required, I will immediately obtain more training.

11. I will never consume alcohol, drugs or inhalants before driving or while driving -- nor will there be open containers of alcoholic beverages (mine or anyone else's), drugs or drug paraphernalia at any time in the vehicle.
12. I will never allow anyone who has been consuming alcoholic beverages, drugs or inhalants to drive a vehicle in which I'm a passenger.
13. I will not drive anyone else's vehicle, nor allow anyone to drive my vehicle, unless I have prior permission from my parents/guardians, or unless it's an emergency involving illness or injury. I will not loan my vehicle to any other person, unless I have prior express permission from my parents.
14. I will always drive with my seat belt properly and securely fastened. I will never transport more passengers than I have seat belts. All seat belts will be in working order. All passengers will wear a seat belt, and all seat belts will be fastened properly and securely before the vehicle moves. If anyone refuses to buckle up, or unbuckles while I'm driving, I will stop the vehicle and not move again until all passengers have their seatbelts fastened.
15. I will keep all vehicles I drive clean, inside and out, and in good working order. I will not be a driver or passenger in a vehicle that isn't safely maintained. I will wash and wax the vehicle _____ times per month, and I will not bring my parent's vehicle(s) home without at least a (quarter)(half) of a tank of gas.
16. I will not behave rudely in my vehicle or with my vehicle -- to other passengers, other drivers, law enforcement, or the parent(s)/guardian(s) signing below.
17. I will keep my eyes on the road at all times, and -- while driving -- I will not use my cell phone, change a CD, light a cigarette, read a map, put on makeup, fish in my purse, glove compartment or wallet (or engage in any other behavior not specified here that prevents me from devoting my full attention to the road).
18. I agree to pay the full cost of any traffic violation tickets, as well as the difference in the insurance premium for as long as the premium is in effect.
19. I agree to pay the full cost of all damages incurred that are not covered by insurance, as well as the difference in insurance premiums caused by the damages.
20. I recognize that driving a vehicle is a privilege, not a right, and I also recognize that each parent/guardian signing below has individual veto power over my driving privileges for the duration of my life as a minor.

FOR THE PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S):

I/We (_____), on this day, (_____),
do grant (_____) access to a vehicle as long as he/she obeys all stipulations noted
above.

I/We agree to pick up (_____) at any time, from any place, if he/she is ever in
a situation where he/she or another driver has consumed alcohol, inhalants, drugs or other illegal
or inappropriate substance. We do this with love.

In order to set a good example, I/we agree to also obey all stipulations as noted above. (You
might wish to add a consequence for the parents as well if rules are broken).

I have read the above agreement and agree to the stipulations.

Signed on this _____ day of _____,

_____ Teenager

_____ Parent/Guardian

_____ Parent/Guardian