

## Parent/Teen Driving Contract



*Driving is a privilege that you have earned. Before you begin to drive on your own, it is important that we discuss and agree, as a family, our promises and expectations for safe driving. Your safety is our first priority and it's important that you understand the potential results and consequences of unsafe behaviors, both as a driver and as a passenger.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a young driver, agree to the following promises, expectations and consequences. I understand that driving a vehicle is a privilege, not a right. I accept responsibility for my decisions as a driver and as a passenger, realizing that those decisions can negatively affect many lives, not just my own.

### Teen/Young Driver promises:

#### ► Driving Behaviors \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Speeding**

I will not drive over the speed limit. I will not be a passenger with a driver who drives over the speed limit or recklessly. I agree that if I break this promise, the following consequences will apply:

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##### **Seatbelt Use**

I will always wear my seatbelt and will require passengers to wear their seatbelts as well. When I am a passenger, I will always wear my seatbelt. I agree that if I break this promise, the following consequences will apply:

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##### **Passengers**

I will not allow more than \_\_\_\_\_ friends in the car at one time, nor will I allow more passengers than I have seatbelts for. I agree to follow the local Graduated Drivers License laws regarding promises for number of passengers. I agree that if I break this promise, the following consequences will apply:

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##### **Curfew**

I will be home by \_\_\_\_\_ on weekdays and \_\_\_\_\_ on weekends. I agree that if I break this promise, the following consequences will apply:

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##### **Violations**

I will drive safely and obey all traffic laws. I will not drive in such a manner that results in a ticket, crash or that in any way harms another driver or passenger, cyclist or pedestrian. I agree that if I break this promise, the following consequences will apply:

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## ▶ Distractions

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### **Eating, Cell Phone, Text Messaging, CD Player, Radio, MP3 Player**

I will always concentrate on my driving and will not engage in any distracting activities. I understand these and other distractions greatly impact my safety and the safety of others. We I agree that if I break this promise, the following consequences will apply:

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## ▶ Alcohol and Drugs

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### **Drinking and Drugging**

I understand that alcohol consumption and the use of illicit drugs is against the law and dangerous. I will not drink alcohol or use marijuana or any other drugs at any time. I will not be a passenger with a driver who has consumed alcohol or used marijuana or any other drugs. I agree that if I break this promise, the following consequences will apply:

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## ▶ Financial and Other Responsibilities

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### **Tickets**

I understand that if I receive a violation for any reason, I will immediately tell you about it and give you the summons that I received. I will be responsible to pay for all fines and costs associated with the violation and will be bound by the decision of the court in the municipality where I received the violation.

### **Crashes**

I agree that if I am involved in a crash which is deemed to be in part of in full my fault, the following consequences will apply:

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### **Gas, Vehicle Maintenance, Vehicle Registration and Insurance**

I agree as follows:

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I agree to call home if I am ever in a situation that jeopardizes my "Alcohol and Drugs" pledge, or in any way threatens my safety.

### **Parent/Guardian promises:**

I/we agree to pick you up at any time, from any place, if you are ever in a situation where the driver has consumed alcohol, used marijuana or other drugs, and your safety is at risk.

I/we are committed to your safety, and will not overreact in this situation; rather, discussions will be deferred until a time when we can speak to each other in a calm and caring manner.

## Signatures

**Teen/Young Driver:**

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**Parent/Guardian:**

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