

PARENT-TEEN DRIVING AGREEMENT

Nearly 5,000 teenagers are killed in car accidents each year, making fatal road accidents the number one killer of teens in the U.S. As a parent, you have the opportunity to play an important role in helping your teenager form smart, safe driving habits from the start. That's why PURE has created this Parent-Teen Driving Agreement.

In addition to helping you facilitate an effective, educational conversation about safe driving with your teenager, this agreement will help your teen make smart decisions when he or she gets behind the wheel and when riding as a passenger with friends.

Use it as a resource to:

- Discuss your teen's responsibilities when driving a car or riding as a passenger in a car driven by another teen.
- Decide on responsibilities and the consequences when those responsibilities aren't met. Once you talk over each issue, fill out the rules and consequences in the space provided.
- Sign and date the agreement and keep it in a prominent place in your home so you can re-examine it often and make changes as your teen becomes a more experienced driver.

I, _____,
WILL DRIVE CAREFULLY AND CAUTIOUSLY AND WILL BE COURTEOUS
TO OTHER DRIVERS, BICYCLISTS, AND PEDESTRIANS AT ALL TIMES.

I PROMISE.

I PROMISE THAT I WILL OBEY ALL THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

- Always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up
- Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings
- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely
- Never use the car to race or to try to impress others
- Never give rides to hitchhikers

I PROMISE THAT I WILL MAKE SURE I CAN STAY FOCUSED ON DRIVING.

- Never text while driving (writing, reading or sending messages)
- Never talk on the cell phone — including handsfree devices or speakerphone — while driving
- Drive with both hands on the wheel
- Never eat or drink while driving
- Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control
- Call my parents for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely, or if my driver is impaired in any way
- Never use headphones or earbuds to listen to music while I drive

I PROMISE THAT I WILL RESPECT LAWS ABOUT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

- Drive only when I am alcohol and drug free
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car
- Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol and drug free

I PROMISE THAT I WILL BE A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER.

- Drive only when I have permission to use the car
- Never let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission
- Never drive someone else's car unless I have parental permission

RESTRICTIONS

I agree to the following restrictions, but understand that these restrictions will be modified by my parents as I become more experienced and demonstrate that I am a responsible driver.

- For the next _____ months, I will not drive after _____ pm.
- For the next _____ months, I will not transport more than _____ teen passengers (unless I am supervised by a responsible adult).
- For the next _____ months, I won't adjust the stereo, electronic devices, or air conditioning/heater while the car is moving.
- For the next _____ months, I will not drive in bad weather.
- I understand that I am not permitted to drive to off limit locations or on roads and highways as listed here:

- Additional restrictions:

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

- Drove while texting (composed, read or sent message or email with phone).
NO DRIVING FOR _____ MONTHS
- Drove while talking on the cell phone (including handsfree or speakerphone).
NO DRIVING FOR _____ MONTHS
- Drove after drinking alcohol or using drugs.
NO DRIVING FOR _____ MONTHS
- Got ticket for speeding or moving violation.
NO DRIVING FOR _____ MONTHS
- Drove after night driving curfew.
NO DRIVING FOR _____ WEEKS/MONTHS
- Drove with too many passengers.
NO DRIVING FOR _____ WEEKS/MONTHS
- Broke promise about seat belts (self and others).
NO DRIVING FOR _____ WEEKS/MONTHS
- Drove on a road or to an area that is off limits.
NO DRIVING FOR _____ WEEKS/MONTHS

TEEN AGREEMENT

I agree to follow all the rules and restrictions in this agreement. I understand that my parents will impose penalties, including removal of my driving privileges, if I violate the agreement. I also understand that my parents will allow me greater driving privileges as I become more experienced and as I demonstrate that I am always a safe and responsible driver.

DRIVER: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT AGREEMENT

I also agree to drive safely and make smart decisions behind the wheel. I will do what I can to help my teen succeed in following this agreement and become a safe and responsible driver. I understand this is an evolving agreement. I commit to discussing these rules and their consequences especially as my teen becomes more experienced behind the wheel.

PARENT (OR GUARDIAN): _____ DATE: _____

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