



Safe Driving Contract / A Pact Between Parents and Teens

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This contract between _____(parents) and _____(teenage driver) states that we will talk about safe driving, agree on how it is defined and review what it takes to become a safe driver. If these rules are broken, we agree that consequences will result. However, we also agree that rewards will be provided if the rules are followed. Each person who signs this contract does so agreeing to fulfill the responsibilities spelled out below.

First, we agree that we will:

- Look closely at each of the topics found below and talk about what safe driving actually entails.
- Pledge to each other that we will follow these rules.
- Always practice safety when either behind the wheel of a vehicle, a passenger in a vehicle driven by a teenager, or driving with other teenagers in the vehicle.

RULES INVOLVING OTHER MOTORISTS, CYCLISTS AND PASSENGERS

I agree to accept the responsibility to ensure the safety of all passengers in my vehicle at all times.

I, the teenager, vow to:

- Wear a seatbelt at all times and make sure all my passengers are wearing theirs as well
- Never drive with more than three passengers in my vehicle who are under-age
- Never drive erratically, impaired in any fashion or at an excessive speed.



Research shows that most vehicular accidents take place when more than one passenger is riding in an automobile.

USING MOBILE PHONES/TEXTING

I know that the safety of everyone in my vehicle depends on my ability to concentrate solely on the road while I am driving.

I, the teenager, vow to:

- Always use a headset or a hands-free device while operating my vehicle, if I must talk on the phone
- Never dial my cell phone or send a text while operating my vehicle
- Never talk on the phone while I'm operating my vehicle in heavy traffic



More than 600,000 deaths across the nation last year were attributed to some form of distracted driving, making it the leading cause of death among teenagers.

THE RULES OF THE ROAD

I agree to follow all the rules of the road, in addition to all posted speed limits.

I, the teenager, vow to:

- Never exceed speed limits in neighborhoods or school zones
- Never go more than 5 mph over the speed limit in all other circumstances
- Always follow the rules and regulations with regard to passing other vehicles, making turns, acknowledging stop or yield signs, and stop lights

DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED

I, the teenager, vow to:

- Never take illegal drugs of any kind and never drink alcohol prior to turning 21
- Never get behind the wheel, no matter what my age, after drinking alcohol or while under the effects of any prescription drug
- Never be in the same vehicle with a driver who is impaired in any way



Each year, an average of more than 12,000 people are killed due to accidents involving a drunk driver. Of the number of teenagers killed in auto accidents, 30 percent had consumed alcohol either before or at the time of the accident.

MUSIC

I agree that music is distracting to the safe operation of a vehicle, and that a driver must always be aware of what is occurring on the road.

I, the teenager, vow to:

- Never play music in my vehicle at an excessive enough volume to where I'm unable to hear other sounds such as horns or sirens
- Never change my iPod or CDs while operating a vehicle
- Always turn down my music when driving through neighborhoods after 10 pm or 8 am.

VEHICLE CRASHES AND ACCIDENTS

I, the teenager, vow to:

- Always avoid distractions and pay close attention to the road when operating a vehicle
- Always drive more cautiously, including observing posted speed limits, when the weather is inclement
- Call 911 immediately to report an accident, and then call home
- Always be respectful to other motorists and police and to tell the truth if I'm involved in an accident
- Keep the Lucé Law Car Accident Preparedness Kit in the glove box of my vehicle and immediately consult it if I'm in an accident



Nearly twice as many 16-year-olds are involved in vehicle crashes as 18-19-year old drivers. Nearly seven times as many 16-year-olds are involved in crashes than drivers aged 30-59.

I, THE TEENAGER, AGREE TO:

Abide by all sections of the above contract. I agree that I know the rewards for following the rules, and I also know the consequences for breaking them. I pledge that, for the rest of my life, I will be a safe driver.

Signature of Teen Driver

Date

See additional signature line on last page.

I, THE PARENT/GUARDIAN, AGREE TO:

Always follow all the rules of the road while operating a vehicle and also do all I can to keep my passengers safe. I will also pledge to help my teenager remain safe while driving. I will thoroughly discuss all of the above rules with all of my family members, enforce these rules, and also discuss the consequences of not following them in detail. Each year on my teenager's birthday we will re-visit this contract.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date