

# Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

Teen agrees to discuss and follow the rules below, and understands that there will be consequences if the rules are broken.

Parent agrees to commit to spending at least 30 minutes each week in practice time with their teen.

Every 3 months, if the parent decides it is safe to do so, these rules may be gradually relaxed as the teen continues on the road to full driving privileges.

## Basic Rules for new teen drivers

### *I agree I...*

- Will always tell my parents where I am going, and when I expect to return. I understand I will not be allowed to have ANY passengers at first, but when I earn the right to drive them, I will tell my parents who I am driving as well.
- Will always use a safety belt –as a driver or passenger. Will not operate a vehicle if my passengers (when I am permitted to drive them) are not wearing belts.
- Will always obey speed limits and all traffic laws and signs.
- Will never use either hand-held or hands free phones while driving. Will never program the GPS or use the internet while driving. Will never eat while driving.
- Will never drive unless I am alcohol and drug free and will never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car. Will not drive if I am taking cold medications or other over the counter drugs.
- Will never drive anyone else's car unless I have my parent's permission.
- Will never drive if I am angry, upset or tired.
- Will contribute to the cost of operating the vehicle as agreed (insurance, gas, and maintenance) as well as any traffic citations or parking tickets.
- Will invite a parent to ride with me once each week to see how my driving skills are improving and/or practice specific driving skills with me.

**Rule - Driving at Night - I agree I**

Will be home before 9 PM (unless I am required by state law to be home earlier). I may earn the right to add an hour to that curfew every 3 months at my parent's discretion. Reassess after \_\_\_\_\_(date).

**Rule - Distractions - I agree I**

Will not wear headphones or play loud music. Music player play lists or GPS destinations may only be set when car is not in motion.

**Rule - Passengers - I agree I**

Will drive NO passengers. I may earn the right to add a passenger under certain conditions and if the law permits after 6 months. Reassess after \_\_\_\_\_(date) on whether to expand these limits within state laws.

**Rule - Weather - I agree I**

Will spend the first 3 months after I get my license driving in dry sunny weather. More challenging weather conditions may be added after 3 months, little by little. Reassess after \_\_\_\_\_(date).

**Rule - Challenging Roads - I agree I**

Will start driving in my neighborhood, but after three months may earn the right to drive regionally, and later onto highways. Reassess after \_\_\_\_\_(date).

**Consequences - I agree**

If I break any part of this agreement my parents will limit my right to drive by \_\_\_\_\_ for a period of \_\_\_\_\_week(s).

*Signed:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Teen

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Date