



### **Parent-Teen Driving Agreement**

Our family enters into this agreement covering the operation of any family vehicle by  
(Teen's Name): \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Non-Negotiable Rules (Teen must acknowledge each rule with initials)**

I understand that the car I drive is my parent's or guardian's property and I may only drive it with their permission and in accordance with their rules and restrictions.

I will:

- (    ) wear my safety belt at all times, when driving or riding as a passenger;
- (    ) require that every passenger wear a safety belt;
- (    ) keep my doors locked while driving;
- (    ) always drive at safe speeds for the conditions — at or below the speed limit;
- (    ) obey traffic laws.

The terms of this agreement may change based on how I handle my responsibilities as a driver. However, some rules are non-negotiable. My driving privileges will be suspended indefinitely if any of the following rules is violated:

I will **NOT**:

- (    ) talk on a cell phone and/or text message while operating the vehicle;
- (    ) drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs;
- (    ) be a passenger in a car driven by someone under the influence of alcohol or other drugs;
- (    ) allow alcohol or other drugs, or weapons in the car;
- (    ) engage in thrill-seeking, stunts, or any form of racing;
- (    ) conceal any tickets, warnings, or collisions from parents/guardians;
- (    ) allow anyone else to drive the car;
- (    ) allow passengers, other than parents, until that privilege is given by my parents.

### **General Rules (to be agreed upon by both Parents and Teen)**

Our family agrees that our Teen won't drive without a parent at night between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for a period of at least \_\_\_\_\_ months. We will work as a group to make sure that they are able to attend all school, social and work activities during that time.

Our family agrees that our Teen won't drive with other Teen passengers or be driven by a Teen driver for a period of at least \_\_\_\_\_ months.

**Parental Commitments (Parents must initial all that apply)**

- (     ) We will provide and maintain a safe vehicle.
- (     ) We will pay for driver training classes/materials.
- (     ) We will be available to ride with you so you can fulfill your Graduated Licensing Law requirements and gain experience in a variety of conditions and locations.
- (     ) As your passenger, we will share observations and coaching in a calm, respectful manner.
- (     ) We are there when you need us. We will pick you up or arrange for your safe transportation home, regardless of the situation or time of your call.
- (     ) We will be role models and lead by example.
- (     ) We will maintain some form of roadside assistance for you to use and make sure you have the phone number in the event you need help and we are not available (car towed, battery jumped, car unlocked, assistance with changing a tire, or gasoline)

**Courtesies and Considerations (Teen must acknowledge with initials)**

As a new driver in our family, the Teen driver agrees to comply with the following courtesies and considerations. I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand each violation represents a forfeiture of privileges:

- (     ) I will provide my parents with my destination and time of return.
- (     ) I will call home if I feel I will not make curfew.
- (     ) I will not make unnecessary side trips or stops.
- (     ) I will not drive outside of agreed upon territories or boundaries.
- (     ) I will not eat, drink or smoke in the car.
- (     ) I will pull over and park the car before using my cell phone or any other electronic devices.
- (     ) I will not affix stickers or decals without permission.
- (     ) I will always treat pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists with courtesy.

**Privileges and Responsibilities (Parents must check all that apply)**

Our family agrees that driving is a privilege linked to satisfactory behavior at home and school, including:

- \_\_\_\_\_ complying with family rules;
- \_\_\_\_\_ completing duties at home properly and on time;
- \_\_\_\_\_ showing proper respect for parents and others;
- \_\_\_\_\_ maintaining attendance, conduct, and effort at school.

**Mileage Linked to GPA (Parents may fill out miles/frequency)**

We further link the maximum number of times our Teen can drive each week to grade point average:

- A \_\_\_\_\_ miles per week     \_\_\_\_\_ times per week
- B \_\_\_\_\_ miles per week     \_\_\_\_\_ times per week
- C \_\_\_\_\_ miles per week     \_\_\_\_\_ times per week
- D \_\_\_\_\_ miles per week     \_\_\_\_\_ times per week
- F \_\_\_\_\_ miles per week     \_\_\_\_\_ times per week.

**Operating Our Car (Parents must check all that apply)**

Our family agrees that our Teen driver will perform the routine upkeep and maintenance of tasks indicated. If not checked, we the parents agree to perform the task:

- ( ) clear and clean, if needed, windows and mirrors every time the vehicle is driven.
- ( ) inspect tires every time the vehicle is driven.
- ( ) check tire pressure every \_\_\_\_\_ (weekday)
- ( ) check fluids at each fill-up.
- ( ) wash vehicle and keep interior clean.
- ( ) report when fuel is less than 1/4 tank.
- ( ) report unusual performance.
- ( ) have routine maintenance checks performed.

**Expenses (Parents must write-in percentages)**

Our family agrees that our Teen driver will pay the indicated percentage of expenses related to the following responsibilities:

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| _____ Cost of vehicle      | _____ Parking fees/decals                                      |
| _____ Vehicle registration | _____ Damage due to abuse                                      |
| _____ Cost of fuel         | _____ Collision damage   |
| _____ Cost of insurance    | _____ Tickets, fines, penalties                                |
| _____ Maintenance costs    | _____ Cost of insurance if grade point average drops below "B" |

**Loss of Privileges (Parents must fill out days)**

We jointly agree that a citation for speeding of less than 10 mph over the limit shall result in a suspension of driving privileges for \_\_\_\_\_ days. For a violation in excess of 10 mph over, the suspension shall be \_\_\_\_\_ days.

For other traffic violations, the suspension schedule shall be:

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| Parking ticket   | _____ Days suspension |
| Careless driving   | _____ Days suspension |
| Reckless driving   | _____ Days suspension |
| Following too closely                                      | _____ Days suspension |
| Failure to yield right-of-way                              | _____ Days suspension |
| Failure to signal  | _____ Days suspension |
| Running a stop light                                       | _____ Days suspension |
| Running a stop sign  | _____ Days suspension |
| Any "at-fault" collision resulting in \$500 damage or more | _____ Days suspension |

The frequency of infractions will also result in the loss of driving privileges for an agreed upon duration. This will be added to the violations as cited above.

First offense	_____	Days suspension
Second offense	_____	Days suspension
Third offense	_____	Days suspension
Preventable crash	_____	Days suspension
Serious violation		Indefinite suspension
Alcohol/drug use		Indefinite suspension

**Shared Commitment**

Our family pledges its support of our newest driver. We will do everything we can to promote safe driving and responsible behavior.

Teen: In initialing terms and signing this contract, I acknowledges that I understand my legal responsibilities and commitment to my family as a driver. I agree to abide by the terms of the contract and accept the forfeit of privileges if I fail to comply.

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(Teen) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Parents/Guardians: We, as parents or guardians and owners of the family vehicles, agree to serve as good role models in our own driving. We will encourage safe driving practices by our Teen fairly and consistently enforcing the terms of this contract.

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(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

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(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Review date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Suggested once per month or at least once per quarter)

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