



## TEACHING YOUR TEEN TO DRIVE SAFELY IS ONE OF YOUR MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES AS A PARENT.

- Almost **40% of all deaths** for 16- to 19-year-olds occur in motor vehicle crashes.
- 16- to 19-year-olds are **four times** more likely to be involved in a crash than older drivers.
- Over 75% of teens who were involved in fatal crashes and had been drinking alcohol prior to the crash were **not wearing seat belts**.

## BENEFITS OF A TEEN DRIVING CONTRACT:

- Your teenager will know that you take this matter very seriously and that driving is a serious matter.
- It clearly states the driving rules and privileges as well as the consequences for breaking them.
- Your teenager will agree to each of the terms and will have no argument when a punishment is enforced.

Completing a Parent-Teen Driving Contract will be most effective if the concept and expectations are presented in advance (preferably at age 14). Make clear that **your teen will not be allowed to drive until an agreement is reached and both parties have signed the contract** and initialed each term presented in it.

Before continuing on with the online Parent-Teen Driving Contract tool, make sure you have set aside at least 30 minutes with your teen to create it together and discuss each of the contract terms. When you reach the end, you'll be able to print it out, sign it and post a copy in your home for easy reference so there's never any doubt about the terms both parties have agreed to.

**AFTER COMPLETING YOUR AGREEMENT PLEASE REMEMBER TO REVIEW YOUR CONTRACT  
REGULARLY!**



## TEEN DRIVING CONTRACT – NEW DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

New Driver: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the Parent(s)/Guardian(s), \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the Teen Driver.

WHEREAS, the parties understand that automobile accidents are the leading cause of death of people 16-20 years old.

WHEREAS, the parties understand that most traffic crashes result from a driver distracted by other things in the vehicle, such as other people in the car, operating a cell phone, adjusting radios and CD players, applying makeup, looking in the mirror or generally focusing on something other than the road.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good evaluation consideration the parties agree as follows:

- A. Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will teach safe driver techniques explained in the Driver Education Handbook for Parents, with special consideration for teaching by example.
- B. New Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes that driving a car is a very serious matter and is willing to follow the instructions and provisions outlined below and according to the Florida Graduated Drivers Licensing guidelines.

**CONTRACT TERMS FOR NEW DRIVER:** \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW EACH OF THE TERMS TOGETHER AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT BASED ON THE SEVERITY OF THE ITEM.



The New Driver and the Parent / Guardian will complete the contract. Once the Teen Driving Contract is complete, the new driver must initial each point below to show that each one has been read and understood.

**CONTRACT TERMS FOR NEW DRIVER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, AGREE TO:**

- ❖ Always wear my seat belt when driving. I will also require that my passengers do the same.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Never drive under the influence of any "substance." In this agreement "substance" means anything that can alter my ability to think clearly, react quickly or affect my judgment, whether it is a legal, over the counter or illegal substance (including but not limited to alcohol, marijuana, pills, inhalants, and other drugs), which would be expected to alter my ability to drive.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Never ride with someone who is impaired or who I am aware is a reckless or careless driver.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Maintain a clean driving record, with no traffic violations or crashes.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Pull over to a safe place to use or check the cell phone or messages.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Not operate the vehicle while I am emotionally upset. If I become upset while driving, I will pull over in a safe place to calm down.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Keep music at a level that allows me to hear traffic, horns and sirens while I am driving.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Drive with no more than \_\_\_\_\_ teen passengers in the vehicle (excluding siblings).
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Call home if I am in a situation where I am unable to drive or am uncomfortable riding with another driver.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Pay for all the costs associated with tickets or moving violations.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ❖ Refrain from eating food, drinking beverages, changing the music, engaging in arguments, and other distractions while the car is in motion.
  - **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**
    - **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Demonstrate courteous driving behavior, avoiding confrontation with other drivers and refraining from aggressive behaviors including: tailgating, racing red lights, weaving through traffic, racing, slamming my brakes, and using my bright lights on other vehicles.

➤ **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**

▪ **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Ask permission of my parents/guardians before I drive someone else's car or allow someone else to drive our vehicle.

➤ **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**

▪ **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Be financially responsible for any damage or increased insurance premiums due to my operation of the vehicle.

➤ **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**

▪ **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Protect and maintain the vehicle while it is in my care, including lights, oil, gas, tire pressure, and coolant levels. Park in a secure location and in a safe manner.

➤ **If I break this rule, I understand that my driving privileges will be revoked for a period of time.**

▪ **Period of Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACT TERMS FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AND**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**I/WE, \_\_\_\_\_, AGREE TO:**

❖ Teach safe driving by example. I will obey all traffic laws and always wear my seatbelt when driving. **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Never drive under the influence of any "substance." In this agreement "substance" means anything that can alter my ability to think clearly, react quickly or affect my judgment, whether it is a legal, over the counter or illegal substance (including but not limited to alcohol, marijuana, pills, inhalants, and other drugs), which would be expected to alter my ability to drive.

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Agree to pick up \_\_\_\_\_ if he/she calls for a ride at any time, day or night, without question. *(Circumstances to be discussed when appropriate)* **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Schedule time to review safe driving practices and your driving log on \_\_\_\_\_ day.

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Review procedures for emergencies such as car breakdowns, tire changes, needing help or getting lost. **Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_