

TEEN DRIVING CONTRACT

This agreement is between _____ (hereafter "parent") and _____ (hereafter "teen driver") regarding the use, operation, rules and regulations of any of the family automobiles. The family automobiles currently are: _____.

1. Driving is a privilege, not a right.

2. The vehicle teen will most frequently earn the PRIVILEGE to operate is the _____. Use of the vehicle *with permission* will be contingent upon meeting all of the conditions/rules/regulation in this agreement.

3. Keys to the _____ must always be hung on the key hook or other designated area when not in use.

4. In the event of foul weather, other vehicle maintenance problems or just preference of use, parents shall always have priority of use for the _____ and all vehicles.

5. _____ is/are owned by parents. Any company cars are not to be operated by teen driver.

6. When teen driver is using/operating the family car, no other driver (other than parent) is to be driving the vehicle.

7. Maximum number of passengers permissible in the vehicle: four plus the driver. Preferred number: four including driver. **ALL PASSENGERS AND DRIVER MUST ALWAYS HAVE SEATBELTS ON AND THE DOORS LOCKED!**

8. Teen driver is responsible for gas as needed and weekly oil, water, windshield wiper fluid and tire checks. If mechanical breakdowns occur as a result of teen driver's maintenance neglect, teen driver is responsible for repairs.

9. The family car shall be kept clean inside and out, including the ashtrays, glove compartment and trunk. **NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED IN FAMILY AUTOMOBILES!**

10. Because use of the family auto is a privilege, continued use of the vehicle is dependent on maintaining good grades in school, being respectful at all times and exhibiting good behavior in the community and within the family.

11. Accidents happen, for we are all human. If teen driver is the cause of an accident, he/she will share in the cost of repair of the vehicle and pay for all the increased cost of insurance. Violations are really avoidable and inexcusable. If teen driver receives a citation, he/she will pay the fine and any increased cost in insurance.

12. Use of the family auto in inclement weather should be restricted and will be determined by parents.

13. The use of drugs and/or ALCOHOL by anyone can be life threatening. **ANY USE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ANYWHERE WILL CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR SIX MONTHS AND MAY BE PERMANENT!**

14. Radio and CD's are fun to listen to. Keep the volume at a reasonable level, let someone else do the tuning/CD Changes and focus on the most important thing you are doing-driving and paying attention to the road.

15. Cell phones are a major distraction while driving. If you must place or receive a call, you should pull off the road into a safe area to complete your call. There is absolutely **NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING.**

16. Passengers. The passengers in your car are your responsibility. Their lives and the lives of others are always in your hands when you are driving. Their behavior in the car is also your responsibility. You are the one that will be required to explain to your passenger's parent should anything happen to their child while riding with you.

17. Driving an automobile is an enjoyable yet serious and sobering privilege. 1 in 13 teens will die in an auto accident every year. Each year over 20,000 teenagers die in automobile accidents. 20,000 young, bright lives that might have gone on to solve the riddle of cancer, help put a man farther out in space, graduated with honors from college, married and brought another life into this world or simply made someone else happy in some manner, shape or form. Their possible contributions to mankind are forever lost. You must always remember you hold the lives of yourself, your passengers and others in your hands each time you get behind the wheel. You must always be attentive, serious about your responsibility and focused on your driving. Of utmost importance is to be a defensive driver - expect the unexpected, anticipate the actions of other drivers and pedestrians, never assume an accident cannot happen to you - that is when it will most likely happen.

18. As parent/s, we look forward to helping you, teen driver, with this new privilege and responsibility and know you will work hard to make your family proud of your ability to meet these rules and regulations. You have a bright future, and we hope your proper learning and use of an automobile will be one more accomplishment you successfully master.

We have all read and agree to abide by these rules and regulations:

Teen Driver: _____

Parent/s: _____

Date: _____