

NEW DRIVER DEAL



I, _____ (teen), agree to discuss and follow the rules below. I understand the purpose of this agreement is to help keep me safe as I improve my driving skills and that there will be consequences if the rules are broken.

I, _____ (adult), commit to spend at least _____ minutes each week practicing driving with my new driver, even after they have their license. I agree to model safe driving behaviors that I want my teen to follow.

BASIC RULES FOR TEEN DRIVERS:

I agree...

- ✓ I will always tell a parent or an adult guardian where I am going and when I expect to return.
- ✓ I understand that I will not be allowed to drive any non-adult passengers. After I have my license for _____ months, I will be allowed one passenger, which must be approved by my parent or adult guardian.*
- ✓ I will always use a seatbelt, whether I'm the driver or a passenger. When I am allowed to have passengers, I will only drive if they are wearing seat belts.
- ✓ I will call my parent or guardian for a ride if I ever feel unsafe to drive or ride with another driver, no matter the reason.
- ✓ I will always obey posted speed limits, signs and all traffic laws. I will adjust my driving based on weather and road conditions, including heavy rains, snow and/or high winds.
- ✓ I will never eat, drink or use my phone, including Bluetooth and hands free, to make calls, send texts, take pictures or use apps, including social media, when behind the wheel.
- ✓ I will only program GPS and music when the car is in park, never when at a stop sign or red light.
- ✓ I will never allow alcohol or drugs in the car and will avoid impaired driving, including from prescription drugs.
- ✓ I will never drive anyone else's car or allow anyone to drive my car without a parent or adult guardian's permission.
- ✓ I will not drive if I am angry, upset or tired.
- ✓ I will only drive on roads within _____ miles from home and will avoid expressways until I have had my license for _____ months.*
- ✓ I will only drive between the hours of _____ to _____, as approved by a parent or an adult guardian.*

BASIC RULES FOR PARENTS/ADULT GUARDIANS:

I agree...

- ✓ I will stay involved and ride with my teen at least once a week to see how their skills are progressing and coach them.
- ✓ I will be patient and encouraging, as most of the situations my teen driver encounters will be new.
- ✓ I will be a good role model and always follow the rules of the road when I drive. I will never do anything behind the wheel that I wouldn't want my teen to do, including texting or using my phone, even at a stop sign or red light.
- ✓ I will make arrangements to get my teen home if it is unsafe for my teen or someone else to drive, no matter the reason.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR OUR FAMILY: *(who pays for what, e.g., gas/tickets/insurance, what are the consequences for breaking agreements, etc.)*

This agreement is made on (date): _____

*We will revise these rules on (date): _____

Signature of teen: _____

Signature of parent or adult guardian: _____

