

Ambler Pediatrics

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Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

I, _____ will drive carefully and cautiously and will be courteous to other drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians at all times.

I promise that I will obey all the rules of the road.

- Always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up.
- I will not have more than one passenger under 18 years old, unless accompanied by their parent/ legal guardian.
- Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings.
- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely. (No tailgating.)
- Never use the car to race or to try to impress others.
- Never give rides to hitchhikers.

I promise that I will make sure I can stay focused on driving.

- Always drive with both hands on the wheel.
- Never eat, drink, or use a cell phone while driving.
- Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control.
- Call my parents for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely.
- I will not use "cruise control" if it interferes with my focus.
- Select a radio station or CD *before* driving.

I promise that I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol.

- Drive only when I am alcohol and drug free.
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car.
- Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol/drug free.

I promise that I will be a responsible driver.

- Drive only when I have permission to use the car and I will not let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission.
- Inform my parents of my destination and return time.
- Know directions to my destination before driving.
- Drive someone else's car only if I have parental permission.
- Pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets.
- Complete my family responsibilities and maintain good grades at school as listed here:

- Contribute to the costs of gasoline, maintenance, and insurance as listed here: _____

I agree to the following restrictions, but understand that these restrictions will be modified by my parents as I get more driving experience and demonstrate that I am a responsible driver.

For the next ____ months, I will not drive after ____ pm. (Collisions are four times more likely to occur at night.)

For the next ____ months, I will not transport teen passengers (unless supervised by a responsible adult).

For the next ____ months, I won't adjust the stereo or air conditioning/heater while the car is moving.

For the next ____ months, I will not drive in bad weather.

I understand that I am not permitted to drive to off-limit locations or on roads and highways as listed here: _____

I agree to follow all the rules and restrictions in this contract. I understand that my parents will impose penalties (see below), including removal of my driving privileges, if I violate the contract. I also understand that my parents will allow me greater driving privileges as I become more experienced and as I demonstrate that I am always a safe and responsible driver.

Penalties for contract violations

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| Drove after drinking alcohol or using drugs | No driving for _____ months. |
| Got ticket for speeding or moving violation | No driving for _____ months. |
| Drove after night driving curfew | No driving for _____ weeks/months. |
| Drove too many passengers | No driving for _____ weeks/months. |
| Broke promise about seat belts (self and others) | No driving for _____ weeks/months. |
| Drove on a road or to an area that is off-limits | No driving for _____ weeks/months. |
| Other _____ | No driving for _____ weeks/months. |

Signatures:

Driver _____ **Date** _____

Parent promise: I also agree to drive safely and to be an excellent role model.

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____