

Quick tips about teen driving



CONTRACT FOR TEENS

It's understood that having a driver's license and driving a motor vehicle are privileges. Any privilege has to be earned, and it must be earned continually. That means driving privileges may be revoked by either parent if the following rules are broken:

- 1 Breaking the driving laws or abusing a motor vehicle can result in lost driving privileges, even if we learn about it from a source other than the police.
- 2 Because driving is a privilege, we expect you to ask each time you want to borrow the car. We need to know the details of each trip.
- 3 If you plan to go out for lunch while you're at school, we expect you to ask us before you leave in the morning.
- 4 If you plan to go anywhere after school, other than home, we expect you to ask us before you leave in the morning.
- 5 You will strive to maintain the grades, conduct, and attitude at the same high level as when we granted you driving privileges. Any grade less than a (fill in what's appropriate for your teen) will jeopardize this privilege.
- 6 When you drive, you must not use a cell phone, put on makeup, eat, or play music too loud.
- 7 No one else is allowed to drive a vehicle entrusted to you. That means you may not lend your vehicle to friends.
- 8 If you're ever in a condition that leaves you less than 100% competent behind the wheel (fatigue, intoxication, anger, etc.), phone us at home or wherever we are. This will not result in the loss of driving privileges.
- 9 Never be a passenger in a car in which the driver should not be driving. Again, call us to come and get

you – that won't result in lost driving privileges. If you can't reach us, hire a taxi. We'll pay for it and there will be no punishment.

- 10 You are not allowed to pick up hitchhikers or carry passengers we don't know in the car.
- 11 Seatbelts must be worn at all times when driving. If you have passengers in the car, each person must wear a seatbelt as well.
- 12 You must have your driver's license with you at all times while you're driving.
- 13 Make sure that the vehicle registration and insurance card are in the vehicle's glove box and are current, in case you're pulled over by the police or have an accident.
- 14 Don't leave valuables like wallets, leather jackets, or sports equipment in the car where they can be seen. They can invite break-ins.
- 15 Always stop for school buses when their lights are flashing – that indicates students are getting on or off the bus and may be crossing the street. Their safety depends on cars obeying this law.
- 16 Obey the speed limits. Going too fast gives you less time to stop or react. Excess speed is one of the main causes of teenage accidents.
- 17 Driving is allowed between (hours). Any exception must be preapproved by us. We also must know details of where you'll be and why this exception is required. (Also, see "Activity-based curfew" quick tips.)
- 18 During bad weather, we reserve the right to drive you to your destination. If you're away from home and the weather turns bad, we expect you to contact us either at home or on our cell phone before you try to drive home.

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Signed by parent _____

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