

Driving Agreement

General Principles

Initial each point to show you read and understand it:

___ I recognize that driving is a privilege, not a right. The State grants this privilege to me, after determining that I meet the *basic* legal requirements for a license. However, it is also a privilege granted to me by my parents, who are under no obligation to do so, and who may withdraw the privilege at any time. Because I am a minor, my parents remain responsible for much of my behavior. I understand that I will only be allowed to drive when I am willing to abide by the rules and regulations established by my parents.

I recognize that driving a car is a very serious matter. I recognize that...

___ Automobile accidents are the leading cause of death of people 16-20 years old.

___ I am more likely to die in an auto accident than from any other cause.

___ Recklessness or errors that I make while driving could kill or hurt me, kill or hurt passengers in my car, and/or kill or hurt people in other cars and pedestrians. Among those that could be victims of my driving mistakes are: babies, children, my friends, my family members, parents of children, and many others.

___ I will abide by laws regulating driving. I will observe and abide by posted speed limits. I will abide by rules established by my parents. I recognize these are for my protection and the protection of others.

___ I understand that the car I drive is property of my parents, even if I pay for part or all of it, even if it is given to me as a "gift." I drive the car only with permission.

___ I understand that my parents and I must be able to reach a written agreement in order for me to be permitted to drive. I understand that the terms of this agreement may be changed based on how I handle the freedom and responsibility of driving. The rules will get stricter if my parents judge that I am not doing well. It will get somewhat less strict if my parents judge that I am doing well.

Rules

1. Unless it is for regular activities (i.e. school, work), I will ask permission each time I drive and explain all destinations and discuss my route of travel.
2. Until further review, no one is allowed to ride with me without permission from my parents.
3. For the first three months after receiving my license, I will be allowed to drive at night, only with special permission from my parents.
4. I will not allow anyone else to drive my car under any circumstances without permission from my parents.

5. I will not allow alcohol or illegal drugs in the car at any time. I will not consume alcohol or illegal drugs.
6. I will inform my parents about all accidents and encounters with police immediately.
7. I will wear my seatbelt at all times and require all passengers to wear them. Seat belts will be fastened before the car moves.
8. I will agree to provide transportation to family members and run household errands at the directive of my parents. I will do so with a positive, helpful attitude.

Specific Responsibility Items

1. I am responsible for my driving habits and will pay for any moving violations I receive and any increase in insurance they cause. In case of an accident, I am responsible for any deductible costs and increase in insurance. My parents will pay for basic insurance costs. I will pay for any insurance cost if my grades are below a B average.
2. It is my responsibility to protect my car. I will keep it reasonably clean and maintained. Specific maintenance responsibilities include:
 - Check oil at each fill-up.
 - Change oil every 3,000 miles or every 3 months.
 - Check tire pressure regularly.
 - Keep all windows clear and clean.
3. I understand that I am responsible to pay for the cost of my vehicle. That includes:
 - Cost of fuel
 - Vehicle registration and tags
 - Maintenance and repair costs
4. I understand that my driving privileges are linked to the following:
 - Grades, conduct, effort, and attendance at school
 - Doing my regular chores at home
 - Showing respect for parents and family members
 - Obeying curfew.

I agree to abide by the rules in this contract and I accept the consequences and penalties if I do not. I recognize that failing to abide by these rules will result in the loss of driving privileges for the length of time determined by my parents.

DRIVER _____ (date)

PARENT _____ (date)

PARENT _____ (date)