



The Everyday Us Living
Parent-Teen Driving Agreement



Dear Parents,

Congratulations! You're about to embark on a whole new chapter with your teen—one that comes with excitement, independence, and, let's be honest, a little bit of worry. We've been there. When our oldest started driving, we didn't have a formal agreement in place—we just talked through things as they came up. Looking back, we wish we had something written down from the start.

With our next teen drivers, we decided to do things differently. We created a clear, written driving agreement that outlined expectations, responsibilities, and consequences. The difference was immediate. Having everything in writing eliminated confusion, reduced arguments, and gave our teens a sense of ownership over their new privilege. It also reinforced an important truth: driving isn't just about freedom—it's about responsibility.

How to Use This Agreement

- **Review it together** – Sit down as a family before your teen gets behind the wheel and go through each section. This isn't just a contract—it's a conversation starter. Encourage questions and clarifications.
- **Customize it for your family** – Every family is different. Adjust curfew times, financial responsibilities, or any other sections that need to fit your situation.
- **Sign and commit** – Having both parents and the teen sign the agreement makes it feel official and reinforces that these aren't just suggestions—they're commitments.
- **Post it as a reminder** – Keep a copy somewhere visible (like on the fridge or in the glove box) so there's no "I forgot" excuse.
- **Revisit and adjust as needed** – As your teen gains experience and proves responsibility, the agreement can be updated to reflect their growth and maturity.

Since implementing this agreement, we've seen smoother transitions, better communication, and a greater sense of responsibility from our teen drivers. Taking care of the family vehicle, following the rules of the road, and respecting our expectations have all become second nature.

We hope this agreement brings the same peace of mind and clarity to your family as it has to ours. It's a simple step that makes a big difference.

Wishing you safe and smooth travels ahead!

The Everyday Us Family



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Our Commitment to Safe and Responsible Driving

Driving is a significant milestone—a privilege that comes with great responsibility. This agreement is designed to set clear expectations between parents and their teen driver to ensure safety, accountability, and open communication. By signing, we agree to the terms below and commit to upholding the responsibilities of safe driving.

PARENTS' PLEDGE

As your parents, we pledge to support you in becoming a safe and responsible driver. We will:

- Teach you with patience, love, and encouragement.
- Be role models by following the same rules and expectations we set for you.
- Offer guidance and constructive feedback, rather than criticism.
- Allow you to learn at your own pace while maintaining firm boundaries.
- Reassess and adjust this agreement as needed, based on your demonstrated responsibility.

Parent Signature(s): _____

TEEN DRIVER'S PLEDGE

I understand that driving is a privilege, not a right, and my parents have the final say on when and how I drive. By signing this agreement, I agree to:

- Follow all traffic laws and my parents' driving rules.
- Accept the consequences of breaking any of these agreements.
- Communicate openly and honestly about my driving experiences.

Teen Driver Signature: _____

DRIVING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Respecting the Rules of the Road

- I will follow all traffic laws, posted speed limits, and road signs.
- I recognize that the car I drive belongs to my parents, even if it was gifted to me, and I will use it only with their permission.
- If I break a rule, I understand that my parents may enforce stricter driving rules or take away driving privileges.
- If I am involved in an accident, I will not leave the scene until I have permission from law enforcement and my parents.



2. Key Consequences & Accountability

- If I break a rule, I will surrender my car keys immediately and without argument.
- If I dispute a decision, a review meeting will take place no sooner than 24 hours later.
- If I refuse to turn over my keys, my driving privileges may be suspended indefinitely.
- If I drive without permission, my parents may report it to law enforcement and revoke my driving privileges for up to one year.

3. Safe Driving Habits

- Curfew:** I will not drive past midnight unless specifically allowed by my parents.
- No Distracted Driving:** I will never use a phone, text, adjust music, or operate any electronic device while driving.
- Weather Conditions:** I will adjust my driving speed and habits based on road and weather conditions and contact my parents if unsure about road safety.
- Emotional State:** I will not drive if I am overly tired, upset, or angry and will ask for a ride instead.
- Car Maintenance:** I will keep the car clean, maintain proper fluid levels, and contribute to the cost of necessary repairs.

4. Passenger & Driving Etiquette

- Seatbelts:** Everyone in the car must wear a seatbelt at all times.
- No Reckless Driving:** I will not engage in stunts, racing, or thrill-seeking behaviors.
- No Eating or Smoking in the Car:** I will avoid all distractions, including eating while driving.
- No Unapproved Drivers:** I will never allow anyone else to drive the car without my parents' specific permission.
- Respect for Family Needs:** I understand that part of having driving privileges means helping with family transportation needs when requested.

VIOLATIONS & LOSS OF PRIVILEGES

The following violations will result in immediate loss of all driving privileges:

- Drinking or Drug Use:** Any use of alcohol or drugs while driving—or riding with a driver who has—is strictly forbidden.
 - Unauthorized Passengers:** I will not ride with or allow passengers who are under the influence.
 - Illegal Substances in the Car:** I will not transport alcohol, drugs, or any illegal substances.
 - Failure to Report Incidents:** I will notify my parents immediately about any accidents, police stops, or tickets.
 - Weapons in the Car:** Firearms or other weapons are not allowed in the vehicle under any circumstances.
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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand that I am responsible for contributing to the financial aspects of driving, including:

- Paying for gas and shared maintenance costs.
 - Covering any fines, tickets, or increased insurance costs resulting from my actions.
 - Taking responsibility for repairs in case of an accident is my fault.
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FINAL AGREEMENT

We acknowledge that this agreement is in place for the safety and well-being of everyone on the road. By signing, we commit to these expectations and understand that trust and responsibility go hand in hand.

Teen Driver's Signature: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s): _____

Date: _____