

DRIVING AGREEMENT

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The new driver must initial each point to show it is read and understood:

____ Permission to drive is **NOT** a legal right. It is granted to me by my parents, who are under no obligation to do so, and who may withdraw the privilege at any time. 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 an extremely serious matter. I recognize that...

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

____ **Drunk driving** causes one out of every 4 fatal teen crashes, and “buzzed driving” is drunk driving!

____ 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**, passengers in the car I drive, and/or people in other cars and pedestrians. Among those that could be victims of my driving mistakes are: Infants, 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 will not have a **teen-age passenger** in my car for at least six months after receiving my license.

____ I will not use my **cell phone** while driving, as it slows my reaction time to that of a 70-year-old.

____ I WILL use my **seatbelt** whenever driving, as it reduces the risk of dying in a car crash by 45%.

____ I understand that my **curfew** time is _____, and violation can mean loss of driving privileges.

____ I understand that the car I drive, even if it is a “gift” to me, is the **property of my parents**. 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.

____ I must study and be aware of the terms of this contract. “Forgetting” any part of the contract is not an excuse.

THREE CRITICAL RULES

• _____ **If my parents deny me permission to drive, for whatever reason, I will abide by this and give them my keys immediately if asked, with no argument or debate.** I may ask to meet with my parent(s) no earlier than 24 hours later to talk about it. If I drive in defiance of my parents’ order not to drive, my parents may call the police.

• _____ If I drive in defiance of my parents’ order not to drive, this contract is cancelled and no driving will be permitted for at least one year.

• _____ I will not leave the scene of an accident, no matter how minor, without the permission of police officers and/or my parents.

Parent _____

Date _____

Teen Driver _____

Date _____