

Parent-Teen Driving Agreement - Florida

This contract is designed to be a mutually agreed by Parents and the New Driver. By signing this agreement, both parties agree to obey all the rules and conditions stated in this contract.

NEW DRIVER'S PLEDGE

I understand that permission to drive is a privilege given to me by my parents. As a privilege, it is my parents' right and obligation to take the driving privilege away any time that they consider it necessary. I will abide by the rules established by my parents. If I break a rule I will face the consequences we have agreed upon.

New Driver

The New Driver Agrees To:

1. I will obey all laws regulating driving. I will observe and abide by posted speed limits. I will always wear my seatbelt and require all passengers to wear seatbelts.
2. I will obey all rules established by my parents and set forth in this contract. This is for my protection and the protection of others.
3. I understand that the car I drive is the property of my parents. Even a car that is a gift to me is the legal property of my parents. I will drive the car only with my parents' permission.
4. If I break the rules for any reason I lose the privilege of driving the car.

THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES

Breaking, circumventing or ignoring the fundamental rules will result in a suspension of driving privileges immediately and a renegotiating of permission to drive in the future.

Permission to Drive

The New Driver MUST ask for permission to drive each time he/she wants to drive. The only exceptions to the rule are for previously agreed upon trips back and forth to school, meetings, work, and regular destinations. Trips other than the agreed upon locations will be discussed prior to leaving. The New Driver will make sure he/she contacts the parents and lets them know where he/she is. The New Driver will check in before making unscheduled stops or side trips.

GDL Limits Driving

New Drivers have restricted driving hours according to GDL laws in Florida. 15 year olds must drive during daylight hours for three months; after 3 months supervised hours are extended to 10 PM. 16 year olds may drive unsupervised from 6 AM to 11 PM. 17 year olds may drive unsupervised between 5 AM to 1 AM. Please check the State of Florida website for additional information.

Seatbelts

I will wear my seatbelt and insist that all passengers wear theirs no matter what the duration or distance of the trip. If the car is moving, everyone must be buckled in.

Limit of Passengers

I will not be allowed to have any passengers without specific permission.

Areas that are off limits

I will not drive in any areas that are designated as off-limits and I understand these areas will be expanded once I gain more experience and skills. For the time being, the following roads and areas are to be avoided.

No One Else Will Drive Our Car

The New Driver will not allow anyone to drive the car without the parents' specific permission in each case.

Texting and Cell Phones

Under no circumstances will I use a cell phone or text message while driving. I will pull over in a safe area to text, call, or use other functions on my phone.

Weather/Road Conditions

I will respect all weather and road conditions, slowing down as needed for safety and will contact my parents to discuss weather or poor road conditions when I am out driving.

Emotional Upset

I will not drive when I am upset or angry because strong emotions may affect my judgment and driving skills. I will contact my parents for transportation if I feel unsure about my ability to drive safely. My parents agree not to ask questions until the following day.

Taking Care of Vehicle

It is my responsibility to protect the car I drive. I will keep it reasonably clean and maintained.

Passenger Behavior

I will not allow my passengers to behave in such a way as to distract me while driving.

Friends Ride Only With Their Parents' Permission

If my parents have agreed to have a friend ride with me, I will make sure that my friend's parents have given their permission as well.

Thank You for Not Smoking

I will not allow smoking in the car.

Distracted Driving

I will not do things while driving that distracts me from the road. For example: applying makeup, listening to loud music, getting things in and out of a purse or backpack, eating, playing with radio, reading, etc.

NON NEGOTIABLE CONSEQUENCES

I understand that I will lose all of my driving privileges if any one of these rules is violated even once.

Not Wearing a Seatbelt or Driving with Passengers Who Are Not Wearing Seatbelts

This includes driving for any distance.

Zero Tolerance for Alcohol Use

While I hold the keys to the car, whether I'm driving or not, I will never drink any alcohol.

No Riding with Others Who Have Used Alcohol or Drugs

I will not ride as a passenger with any driver who has used alcohol or any substance that impairs their driving ability.

Alternatives to Riding with Others Who Have Used Alcohol or Drugs

If I find myself in a situation where I may be riding with someone who is under the influence or has used alcohol, I will contact my parents or another designated adult to arrange for a ride. My parents will make every effort to avoid asking me questions about it and I will not be punished for my friend's behavior.

No Alcohol or Drugs in the Car

I will not allow alcohol or illegal drugs in the car. My parents will hold me responsible for any alcohol or drugs in the car even if they don't belong to me or it is the fault of someone riding in my car.

No Thrill Seeking or Stunts

I will not engage in any thrill-seeking behavior while driving. I will not drive for recreation. I will not drive too fast, participate in racing of any kind or any stunt that involves a car, for example bumper surfing. Driving is for transportation only.

Informing Parents about Accidents and Police Encounters

I will inform my parents about any and all tickets, accidents, and encounters with police, including parking tickets and warnings.

No Firearms or other Weapons

I will not drive with any guns or other deadly weapons in the vehicle.

Signatures

New Driver _____ (Date) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ (Date) _____