

Model Parent/Teen Agreement

Every time a teen gets behind the wheel, he or she makes a decision about whether to use smart driving practices, or ignore what they know are the smart things to do. This agreement between parent and teen sets out the decisions expected of teen drivers and the consequences for making inappropriate decisions.

1. Temporary restrictions on driving with teen passengers and driving at night that will be lifted gradually as a teen gains experience.

I will not carry other teens as passengers in my vehicle.

I will drive only at certain times of day. (Define curfew) _____

I will drive only in specific areas. (Define boundaries) _____

Other Temporary Restrictions _____

Consequences for failure to abide by these rules _____

2. Unconditional rules define unsafe situations that teens must avoid and are non-negotiable lifetime driving rules.

I will not drink alcohol or use illegal drugs.

I will not drink alcohol and then operate a motor vehicle.

I will not use illegal drugs and then operate a motor vehicle.

I will always wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a motor vehicle.

As the driver of a vehicle, I am responsible for everyone else in my vehicle. I will make sure that all occupants are always using seat belts in my vehicle.

I will not use a cell phone to make a call or to text message while driving. If I need to make a call or answer a call, I will first pull over to the side of the road in a safe place.

I will not drive aggressively or engage in any aggressive or hostile behavior toward another driver.

I will never engage in a race with another driver or vehicle.

I will obey all traffic laws and signals, including speed limits, red lights, stop signs, yield signs, railroad crossings, school bus stops, and no passing zones.

Other Unconditional Rules _____

Consequences for failure to abide by these rules _____

3. Trip conditions define the details of each trip the teen makes with a vehicle, including what to do if plans change.

I will always notify my parents of my plans before every trip: Who I am going with, what I am doing, when I will arrive and return, where I am going, and the reason for the trip. Should my plans change, I will immediately inform my parents and get their permission for me to change my plans.

Other Trip Conditions _____

Consequences for failure to abide by these rules _____