



Youth are 3-4 times more likely to be involved in a car crash than any other age group.

WE PROMISE TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT AS INDICATED BY THE CHECKED BOXES

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Check off the items you agree on:

**Youth    Parent**

**WE PROMISE TO DRIVE SOBER AND DRUG-FREE**

- We will not drive if we have been drinking or using drugs.
- We will only be a passenger in a vehicle where the driver is sober and drug-free.
- We agree that someone will always be a "designated driver".

**WE PROMISE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS**

- We agree that all occupants will wear seatbelts correctly at all times.
- We agree that younger children and infants will use an appropriate child safety restraint system installed exactly in accordance with both vehicle and manufacturer's instruction.

**WE PROMISE TO DRIVE DEFENSIVELY**

- We will obey all traffic laws.
- If an infraction occurs while we are driving, we will assume full responsibility for all penalties/fines.
- We acknowledge that there are other more vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians on the road.
- We will drive allowing for a safe margin of space between vehicles and share the road accordingly.

**WE PROMISE TO KEEP OUR MIND ON THE ROAD**

**Carrying passengers and driving between 12:00am and 5:00am greatly increases crash death rates for new young drivers!**

- We agree to limit \_\_\_\_\_'s number of passengers to: \_\_\_\_\_
- We agree \_\_\_\_\_ will be restricted from driving between the nighttime hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- We agree the limit on passengers and nighttime driving hours will be reviewed as driving experience develops. Date of review: \_\_\_\_\_



**Sixteen year-olds' fatal crashes are more likely to occur when other teenagers are in the car. The risk increases with each additional passenger.**

Youth    Parent

**Cell Phone / Music / Smoking / Eating**

- We agree to pull off the road to use a cell phone.
- We agree to keep interior volume at a level so that outside sounds, such as other vehicles and most importantly sirens, are heard.
- We agree not to smoke while driving.
- We agree to not eat or drink beverages while driving.

**Sleep Deprivation / Mood / Running Late / Physical Health**

- We understand that driving while tired, angry, upset, late, or sick can affect my driving.
- We agree not to drive if our physical or psychological condition impairs our driving.

**Hazardous Conditions / Weather / Construction / Traffic**

- We will be aware of environmental conditions that may affect my driving, and will adjust my driving or pull over, as necessary.

**WE PROMISE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAR'S CARE**

**Maintenance: Wiper Fluid, Tire Pressure, Cleanliness, Location of Keys**

We agree that \_\_\_\_\_ accepts responsibility for the following:

- Gasoline: \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Changes: \_\_\_\_\_
- General Maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered Vehicle Owner**

- We agree that \_\_\_\_\_ will not permit anyone else to drive the vehicle without permission of the vehicle's registered owner, or as directed by parent/guardian.
- We agree care and control of the vehicle may be transferred to another capable person if it is required by an emergency situation to maintain one's safety.

**Review**

- We agree to review the terms of the entire contract on a regular basis during the first year of driving. (Every 3 months is recommended.)  
 Date of First Review: \_\_\_\_\_



**New drivers learn by example, so practice safe driving. Teens with crashes and violations often have parents with poor driving records.**

## PARENT-YOUTH SAFE DRIVING CONTRACT

We agree to abide by the terms set out in this contract. If we use the Rear-Window Sign, we will place it in a clearly visible location together, and remove it by mutual agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Youth

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

For more information about the I Promise Program:

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