

Household Driving Contract

The purpose of this contract is to give our family the opportunity to establish, discuss, and formalize our household driving standards. Both in our household and in society, the ability to legally drive a vehicle is a privilege and not a right. The intention of this contract is to keep the members of our household, our friends, family, and our community safe.

All Household Drivers

- I will obey all traffic safety laws.
- Whether I'm a driver or a passenger, everyone in the vehicle will wear a safety belt at all times.
- I will not operate any vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- I will not operate any vehicle when I'm sleepy, on any kind of sleep or drowsy inducing over-the-counter medication, or if I'm too under the weather to focus on driving safely.
- The use of mobile phones to make or to receive calls will be limited to only very important calls (as defined by our household) – and only when using an acceptable hands-free device.
- When driving any vehicle I will not use my mobile phone or any other kind of digital device to send outgoing or to review incoming messages (email, text, images, video, etc.).
- Any and all distractions (food, beverages, music volume, loud talking) will be kept to a minimum. Physical distractions are forbidden (horseplay, standing up, arms/hands out the window, etc.)
- Interactions with other drivers on the road will be respectful at all times. No engagement with drivers that exhibit poor safety standards (i.e. don't aggravate drivers you suspect may be displaying "road rage").

Teen Drivers

- I will not let anyone else drive or use the vehicle entrusted to me.
- I will state my destination and time of return prior to using any vehicle, and I will notify my parents if I think I will be more than 30 minutes late.
- I will ask my parents whether or not it is acceptable to ride in a vehicle driven by another teen driver and whether I am allowed to drive with friends in my car. I will make sure to clarify whether my parents' guidelines change based on the time of day, who will be in the car, and where we are going.
- I will have a conversation with my parents about the use of alcohol and drugs (illegal and over-the-counter). I will not get into the vehicle of any driver who has been drinking or is under the influence of drugs. I will make other arrangements or I will contact my parents for advice or assistance if faced with this situation.

Parents

- I will serve as a good role model when operating a vehicle and will coach good driving skills and habits to my teen driver.
- I will listen and respond in a respectful manner to any explanations and concerns shared by my teen about the contents of this agreement.
- I agree to come and get my teen at any hour from any place (or arrange transportation) to bring you home safely if you are unable to drive because you and/or other drivers are under the influence of alcohol or drugs and unable to drive.

Other Household-Specific Conditions or Responsibilities

We agree to the terms of this household driving contract. We also agree that if conditions change we will revisit the terms of this agreement.

Household member

Date

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