

Framingham Pediatrics Teen Driver Contract

I will drive carefully and cautiously and will be courteous to other drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians at all times. I will obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings. I will never use the car to race or to try to impress others.

I promise that I will:

- stay within the speed limit and drive safely.
- drive only when I am alcohol and drug free.
- be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol and drug free.
- always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up.
- drive with both hands on the wheel.
- never eat, drink, or use a cellular phone while I drive.
- never give rides to hitchhikers.

If I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely, I will call my parents for a ride home.

I will drive only when I have permission to use the car and I will not let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission. I will respect laws about drugs and alcohol and never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car. I will only drive someone else's car if I have parental permission. I will pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets.

I will complete my family responsibilities and will maintain good grades at school.

I will contribute to the costs of gasoline, maintenance, and insurance as listed below:

I agree to the following restrictions, but understand that these restrictions will be modified by my parents as I get more driving experience and demonstrate that I am a responsible driver.

- For the next _____ months, I will not drive after _____ o'clock at night.
- For the next _____ months, I will not transport more than _____ teenaged passengers (unless I am supervised by a responsible adult).
- For the next _____ months, I won't adjust the stereo or air conditioning / heater while the car is moving.
- For the next _____ months, I will not drive in bad weather.
- I understand that I am not permitted to drive to "off limit" locations or on roads or highways listed below:

I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL THE RULES AND RESTRICTIONS IN THIS CONTRACT. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY PARENTS WILL IMPOSE PENALTIES (SEE BELOW), INCLUDING REMOVAL OF MY DRIVING PRIVILEGES, IF I VIOLATE THE CONTRACT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MY PARENTS WILL ALLOW ME GREATER DRIVING PRIVILEGES AS I BECOME MORE EXPERIENCED AND AS I DEMONSTRATE THAT I AM ALWAYS A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE DRIVER.

Penalties for contract violations:

Drove after drinking alcohol or using drugsNo driving for ____ months
Got ticket for speeding or moving violation.....No driving for ____ months
Violated night restriction.....No driving for ____ weeks/months
Violated passenger restriction.....No driving for ____ weeks/months
Broke promise about seat belts (self or others).....No driving for ____ weeks/months
Drove on a road or to an area that is "off limits".....No driving for ____ weeks/months

Signatures:

Driver _____ Date _____

Parent (or Guardian) _____ Date _____

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Suggested Restrictions: Initially the restrictions on teenaged driving should be strict (no teenaged passengers and no driving after 9:00pm). After the teenager demonstrates 6 months of SAFE driving, the restrictions may be relaxed to some degree (1 teenaged passenger, no driving after 10:00pm or 11:00pm). After 12 months of demonstrated safe driving, parents may chose to relax the restrictions further, depending on the maturity level of their teenager. Once the teenager obtains a full license (usually after 18 years of age), nighttime and passenger restrictions can be removed. In states with nighttime and passenger restrictions, parents should strongly consider setting stronger limits than required by law, especially for the most novice teenaged driver.

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