

OUR TEEN DRIVING CONTRACT



*I am so excited that you have earned the privilege of getting your driver's license!
I love you very much and want to make you sure you understand
my parental expectations for allowing you the freedom to drive.*

AS YOUR PARENT, I WILL:

- Allow you the use of the family car to drive to school, work and when I say it's available to use for social outings.
- Pay for the car insurance, regular maintenance such as oil changes and repairs to keep the vehicle in good working order.
- Not regularly track you as I trust you and want you to have the freedom to make smart decisions, but I do expect you to have the Find My Friends app on your phone with the location turned on at all times, for emergency purposes. This isn't because I don't trust you, but because *I love you and God forbid I ever need to get to you. This is a safety precaution and a non-negotiable.*
- Come to pick you up or get you a ride home any time, anywhere that you don't feel 100% able to drive safely. *Better to be safe, than sorry.*
- Turn on the Do Not Disturb feature on our iPhones to protect us from distracted driving when we are at the wheel.

AS MY CHILD, YOU WILL:

_____ **Adhere to all State Laws and Speed Limits.**

For the first 6 months, you may only drive one approved friend. After that date, we will discuss if you are ready to drive additional passengers. (Your siblings may drive with you any time.)

_____ **Wear your seatbelt at all times and expect all passengers to as well.**

When used properly, seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat passengers by 45 percent and the risk of moderate to critical injury by 50 percent.

_____ **Not use your cell phone when driving.**

Even if the Do Not Disturb is turned on your phone, keep it out of sight in the middle console when you are driving to keep from being distracted. Texting at a red light is still using the phone while driving.

_____ **Inform me of any tickets, warnings or damage done to the vehicle.**



You Will Be Responsible For:

_____ **Paying for and pumping your own gas.**

Don't let the tank get below 1/4 tank. If you don't have money to fill the tank, guess you will be stuck at home with me.

_____ **Keeping the vehicle clean.** Throw trash away and wash the car when you see it needs it.

_____ **Playing your music at a reasonable volume** that won't prevent you from becoming aware of traffic situations or emergency sirens.

_____ **Being on time for determined curfew** and calling in advance if you are going to be late.

_____ **Voicing if any maintenance lights come on** in the vehicle or the car is performing unusually. You will be responsible for the cost of any traffic citation or parking ticket you receive.

_____ **Paying for any damages incurred** that are not covered by insurance; and all deductibles for any damage that is covered.

I agree to follow all the rules and restrictions in this contract. I understand that my parents will impose penalties, 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 a safe and responsible driver.

Daughter Dear

Your Loving Parent

Date



DRIVER SKILLS NEEDED



Do you know how to:

- find what side of the car the gas tank is on?
- pump gas?
- change a flat tire to a spare?
- put air in tires or recognize when they are low?
- know where the registration and insurance cards are?
- call roadside assistance?
- know what to do in an accident?
- know what to do if your car breaks down?
- know what to do if you get pulled over?
- know what to do if you hit a parked vehicle?
- navigate the local area without using technology?
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