



# PARENT/TEEN DRIVING AGREEMENT

## WHAT IS A PARENT/TEEN DRIVING AGREEMENT?

It's a formal agreement between a parent and teen driver that explains driving privileges and responsibilities. The agreement includes elements of the Utah Graduated Driver Licensing Law (GDL).

### I PROMISE THAT I WILL OBEY ALL THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

- Always wear a seat belt and make my passengers buckle up.
- Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs and road markings.
- Stay within the posted speed limit.

### I PROMISE THAT I WILL STAY FOCUSED ON DRIVING.

- Drive with both hands on the wheel.
- Never use a cell phone while driving.
- Never drive when I am tired or drowsy.
- Control my emotions when I am behind the wheel, I'll never drive when I am upset or angry.
- Call my parents for a ride home if I am impaired in any way (such as illicit drugs, prescription drugs or alcohol).
- Never eat food, put on makeup or use earphones while I drive.

### I PROMISE I WILL RESPECT LAWS ABOUT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

- Drive only when I am alcohol- and drug-free.
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car.
- Only get in cars where the driver is alcohol- and drug-free.

### I PROMISE THAT I WILL BE A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER.

- Don't drive (or allow anyone else to drive) the car without permission.
- Pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets.
- Abide by rules set by parents as listed here:

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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.

- Promise to follow the Utah Graduated Drivers Licensing Laws.
- Penalties for agreement violations:
  - Drove after drinking alcohol or using drugs. No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ months.
  - Got a ticket for speeding or other moving violation. No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ months.
  - Drove after night driving curfew. No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.
  - Drove with too many passengers. No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.
  - Drove without proper restraint. No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.
  - Used a cell phone while driving. No driving for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks/months.
  - Other penalties: \_\_\_\_\_

I PROMISE TO FOLLOW ALL THE RULES AND RESTRICTIONS IN THIS AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT DRIVING IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY DRIVING ACTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY PARENTS WILL IMPOSE PENALTIES, INCLUDING REMOVAL OF MY DRIVING PRIVILEGES, IF I VIOLATE OUR AGREEMENT. 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.

Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AS A PARENT, I PROMISE TO:

- Teach you how to drive with patience and support.
- Be a positive role model by driving safely and following the laws myself.
- Enforce the Utah Graduated Driver Licensing Laws (see DontDriveStupid.com).
- Establish a schedule of training and provide you with the 40 hours of supervised driving practice, including 10 hours at night and in different weather conditions on different types of roads.
- Pick you up or arrange for a safe ride home, regardless of the situation or time you may call.
- Consider your requests for changes to our agreement with respect and careful consideration.
- Be involved in your driving.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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For more tips on teaching your teen to drive safely, GDL laws or to see examples of additional Parent-Teen Driving Agreements, visit [zerofatalities.com/dont-drive-stupid/parents](http://zerofatalities.com/dont-drive-stupid/parents).

*Adapted from the American Academy of Pediatrics "Parent-Teen Driving Agreement", CDC "Parents are the Key" and California "Parent-Teen Driving Agreement".*