



Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

Decide the rules before anyone has the keys. Fill this in together, sign it, and put a date on it to review. Your state's rules are the minimum; this is where your family can go further.

Teen driver	Parent or guardian	Parent or guardian
Date of this agreement	License date	We'll review this on

Two rules with no exceptions

1. Everyone buckles, every trip. The car doesn't move until they do.

2. I can always call for a safe ride home. No questions that night.

Code word or text that means "come get me, and tell my friends I have to go home":

Teen

Parent

Phones

The phone doesn't get attention while the car is moving.

☐ Driving focus / do-not-disturb turns on automatically in the car

☐ Navigation and music are set before the car moves

☐ If something needs the phone, I pull over and stop first

☐ Parents follow the same rule when they drive

Passengers

Fill in the dates. Each step starts only after the last one has been uneventful.

No teen passengers (siblings only if agreed)

from until

One teen passenger, daytime

from until

One teen passenger after dark

from until

Two or more teen passengers

from until

Night driving

CDC suggests home by 9 or 10 p.m. for at least the first six months.

Home by on school nights and on weekends, until

Then:

Where I can drive alone

Check what's OK now. Add more as experience builds.

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| ☐ School and back | ☐ Work and back | ☐ Practices and activities |
| ☐ Friends' homes in town | ☐ Errands in town | ☐ Highway (familiar stretch) |
| ☐ Highway (new route) | ☐ Out of town: ask first | ☐ Long trips: ask first |

Other places, or places that are off limits

Weather and conditions

- ☐ No solo driving in heavy snow, ice or fog without asking first
- ☐ We practice rain, snow and night driving together before I do them alone
- ☐ If conditions feel beyond me, I can wait, call, or pull over somewhere safe

Check-ins

- ☐ Text when I arrive and when I leave
- ☐ Call if plans or passengers change
- ☐ Tell my parents about close calls, without getting in trouble for telling

The car

Who pays for gas

Who pays for tickets or damage

Who else may drive the car

Upkeep I'm responsible for

If a rule is broken

Agree on this now, while nobody is upset.

What parents agree to

- ☐ Keep riding along for the hard drives (first heavy rain, first snow, new highways) for a while after the license
- ☐ Follow the phone and seat belt rules ourselves
- ☐ Pick you up, no questions that night, whenever you call
- ☐ Review this agreement on the date above and loosen it as you show you're ready

Teen signature

Date

Parent signature

Date