



Parent-Teen Driving Contract

Young, inexperienced drivers, die too often in fatal crashes largely because of immaturity and inexperience. Three-stage GDL laws reduce these factors by gradually introducing driving tasks and privileges through controlled exposure to high-risk situations. All States and the District of Columbia have GDL laws with these three stages:

- Learner's Permit,
- Intermediate (Provisional) License, and
- Full Licensure

Make sure you and your teen drivers know and understand your State GDL laws before they get behind the wheel.

DISTRACTED DRIVING: In 2011, for drivers 15-19 years old involved in fatal crashes, 21 percent of the distracted drivers were distracted by the use of cell phones.

1. RULE: NO CELL PHONES.

AGREEMENT:

CONSEQUENCES:

2. EXTRA PASSENGERS: The risk of fatal crashes goes up in direct relation to the number of teens in the car. **RULE: NO EXTRA PASSENGERS.**

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3. SPEEDING: In 2011, speeding was a factor for 35% of teen drivers in fatal crashes **RULE: NO SPEEDING.**

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4. **ALCOHOL:** In 2011, 505 people died in crashes in which 14-18 year-old drivers had alcohol in their system. **RULE: ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL!**

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CONSEQUENCES:

5. **SEATBELTS:** In 2011, over half of teen drivers killed in crashes were unrestrained. **RULE: ALWAYS BUCKLE-UP.**

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CONSEQUENCES:

TEEN: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____