The Safe Driving Agreement (Printable)



Does your teen driver know the rules of the road? No matter how well they were taught or how much they've been told, driving is still so new. Ultimately, the best way to get better is to practice. But whenever they do, they should take a few precautions.

The facts

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. It's a startling statistic — especially when most of these accidents could've been prevented.

For drivers between the ages of 16 and 19, the risk of getting into a car accident is high. Higher than any other age group. In fact, compared to older drivers, they're nearly three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash.

The pledge

To keep your teen driver as safe as possible, consider a contract. Set aside a time to set some ground rules. Review them with your child, then sign off on them together.

Get started with our Safe Driving Agreement. Just print it out, then fill it in.

SAFE DRIVING AGREEMENT

I, _____, promise to obey every rule of the road, as well as the rules set by my parents. I understand driving is a privilege, and I know how important it is to be careful and cautious. That's why today, _____, I pledge to be a safe driver.

I will only drive if I have my parent's permission.

I will always tell my parent where I'm going and when I'll return.

If plans change or I'm going to be late, I will let my parent know.

I will not drive between the hours of ____ and ____.

When it comes to weather, I will not drive when it's _____.

I will not drive with passengers, unless I have my parent's permission.

I will not let anyone else drive, unless I have my parent's permission.

I will wear my seatbelt whenever I'm behind the wheel.

If I have a passenger in my car, I will insist they wear their seatbelt, too.

If the car is on, I will not use my smartphone—even if my parent is calling.
You, as my parent, promise not to get upset if I don't answer you.

If I need to use navigation, I will start it before I start the car.

I will not drive faster than the speed limit.

I will not eat or drink while driving.

I will not play loud music that limits my ability to hear horns or sirens.

I will always keep my gas tank at least half full.

I will tell my parents about every ticket, accident or encounter with the police—even if it's just a warning.
You, as my parent, promise to help me whenever I need it. Depending on the circumstances, you'll carefully consider whether there should be a consequence.

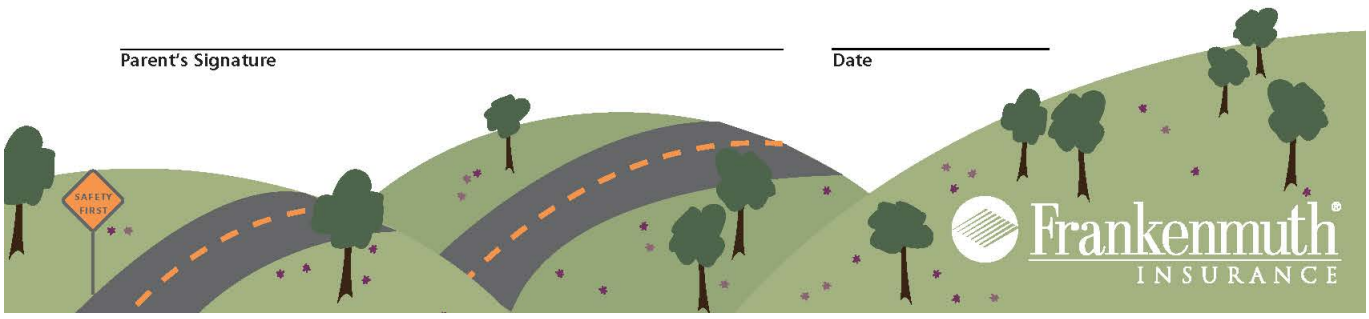
If there's ever a time I shouldn't drive, I will call my parents for a ride.
You, as my parent, promise to pick me up without lecturing, yelling or scolding.

I, _____, agree to everything outlined in this contract. I understand that if I fail to fulfill my responsibilities, I will lose driving privileges for _____, and I will accept any additional consequences. I also understand that as I become more experienced, my parents may give me greater freedom. They have the right to add or delete items in this agreement as they see fit. And most importantly, I understand my parents are only enforcing this contract because they truly care about my safety.

_____ _____
Safe Driver's Signature Date

_____ _____
Parent's Signature Date

_____ _____
Parent's Signature Date



Then, sharpen their skills with our blog: 19 safety tips for your teen driver.