



## Parent and First-Time Teenage Driver Partnership Contract

**Learner's Permit Driving Contract for:** \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned, recognize that driving an automobile is one of the most hazardous tasks we will undertake during our lifetimes. To help reduce the risks of being a beginning driver, we are entering into this contract. Our goals are to:

1. Promote safe driving practices to keep loved ones healthy and alive;
2. Operate the family car respectfully and economically; and
3. Become responsible individuals within the family and within the community.

It is understood and agreed that having a learner's permit and driving a motor vehicle are privileges extended to teens by their parents. Any privilege has to be earned, and it must be earned on a continuing basis. Your safety is our responsibility and we are taking this action to do what we think is necessary to protect you from harm. We know that sometimes you will see peers who do not have parents who monitor their driving like we do yours. We are your parents, however, and you must abide by our family rules and this contract agreement or you must forfeit your privilege of learning how to drive. We are proud of your accomplishments thus far. We want you to enjoy life and grow up without physical or mental handicaps caused from a motor vehicle crash. If you break the provisions of this contract while you are learning to drive, the consequences will be swift and sure. There is no room for negotiation. Your privilege to drive may be suspended or revoked by Mom or Dad, separately, or together, for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to comply with directions given during a driving lesson will result in your being instructed to park the car. Your driving privileges will be taken away for the rest of that day. You can try again the next day.
2. You must comply with your medication schedule in order to be allowed to drive.
3. Making mistakes is a part of learning how to drive. Minor learning errors will be pointed out to you. When you make a major mistake, you will be told to park the car. Your driving lesson will be over for that day, and you will have time to think about what you did wrong so that you can learn from your mistake. You will be allowed to try again the next day.
4. If there is any back talk, bickering, or outburst of temper during the time you are learning to drive, it is a sign of immaturity and that you are not emotionally ready to learn to drive. You will lose your driving privileges for a minimum of three days. We will determine when you can try again.
5. Failure to attend school regularly and maintain your school grades, good conduct, and proper attitude at the same high level as when we first granted your driving privileges will result in a loss of driving privileges. A grade of 80 or below in any daily work or test scores in any class will result in the loss of all driving privileges for a minimum of two days. If the poor grade lowers the average class grade below passing, the loss of driving time will be extended until the average for that is brought up to an 80%. If you maintain a good school record, you can earn extra driving privileges.

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6. Seat belts will always be worn and passengers in the car with you will also wear seat belts at all times. Failure to comply will result in the loss of driving privileges for three days. You can try again in 72 hours.
7. Driving under the influence of alcohol, substances, or inhalants will result in the loss of your driving privileges for 90 days. If it happens twice, driving privileges will be suspended until you have successfully completed treatment.
8. You are never to drive a vehicle that does not belong to us while you are operating with a learner's permit. You may not drive the vehicle of friends or neighbors. You may be allowed to drive with extended family members and drive their cars (such as grandparents, aunts or uncles), but only with our permission before you drive. If this rule is broken, you will lose all driving privileges for two weeks.
9. If the car is taken at any time without an adult, licensed driver, and our knowledge and permission, then driving privileges will be lost for a minimum period of 30 days.
10. If you receive any personal traffic tickets or violation fines while you are driving with the learner's permit, then you will be responsible for paying for them.
11. You will be expected to wash the exterior and clean the interior of the car once a week. Whenever the car is used, we will require that it be returned without any trash or personal items left behind. If trash or personal items in the car become a problem, driving privileges will be suspended immediately. Suspension of driving privileges may be extended for two days after the car has been cleaned.

We have read and agreed with the above rules and the consequences for rule violations. If other circumstances arise that are not addressed in this contract, we agree to handle them through amendments to this contract. Any consequences and additional guidelines shall be written on the back of the contract and will become a part of the contract. We will work together to ensure the safety of all family members in driving.

**Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007**

**Teen** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent** \_\_\_\_\_

