



**PARENTS
AS DRIVING
PARTNERS**
COUNTIES PARTNERING TO
CREATE SAFE DRIVERS

PARENT/TEEN DRIVING AGREEMENT

Teaching your teen to drive safely is one of your most important responsibilities as a parent. Crashes are still a leading cause of teen deaths. Setting a positive example is one of the best ways to ensure that your child acts in a responsible manner on the road. By demonstrating that you take driving safety seriously, you will help your teen appreciate the importance of being a courteous and safe driver. A Parent/Teen Driving Agreement is an important first step in this process.

As a beginning driver:

I agree to:

- Obey all the rules of the road.
- Always wear a seat belt and make all my passengers buckle up.
- Obey all traffic lights, stop signs, other street signs, and road markings.
- Stay within the speed limit and drive safely.
- Never use the car to race or try to impress others.
- Never give rides to hitchhikers or allow the car to be used as a regular means of transportation by others.
- Move over for emergency and other vehicles stopped on the side of the road with their emergency/ warning lights activated.
- Reduce my speed for inclement weather and other roadway hazards.

I agree to:

- Make sure I can stay focused on driving.
- Never text while driving (writing, reading or sending messages).
- Never talk on the cell phone while driving.
- Drive with both hands on the wheel.
- Drive only when I am alert and in emotional control.
- Call my parents, or a trusted adult for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely (including drowsiness or tiredness), or if my driver is impaired in any way.
- Never use headphones or earbuds to listen to music while I drive.

I agree to:

- Obey laws about drugs and alcohol.
- Drive only when I am alcohol and drug free.
- Never allow any alcohol or illegal drugs in the car.
- Be a passenger only with drivers who are alcohol and drug free.

I agree to:

- Be a responsible driver.
- Drive only when I have permission to use the car.
- Drive only to those locations agreed upon with my parents.

As the parent or guardian:

I agree to:

- Be aware of when my child leaves and when they should arrive.
- Teach proper driving techniques.
- Provide a safe and reliable motor vehicle for my child.
- Make sure my child drives in accordance with New York State's vehicle and traffic laws.
- Provide a safe and reliable motor vehicle for my child.
- Not allow my child to drive when they are not able to drive safely (for example – child may be upset).
- Teach my child to be a courteous driver.
- Agree to pick up my child at any time if they need a safe ride home for any reason.

Beginner Driver:

Town of Residence

School

Age

Signature of Beginner Driver

Print Name

Date

Parent/Guardian:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name

Date

*Non-identifying demographic data such as town of residence, school, and age of the youth who signs this agreement will be shared amongst participating counties.