

Safe Driving Agreement

Between _____ and _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NEW DRIVER

To stay safe, the new driver agrees to do the following guidelines. The new driver will:

1. Wear a seatbelt at all times when the vehicle is in motion and require all passengers to wear a seatbelt. The car will not be put into “drive” until everyone is buckled in a seat belt.
2. Follow the legal drinking age. The new driver will be completely sober and not under the influence of any drug or alcohol. If over age 21, use designated drivers, planned in advance.
3. Abstain from using a cell phone, texting, IMing, or updating Facebook while driving.
4. Minimize distractions such as misbehaving passengers or adjusting the radio, GPS or iPod.
5. Follow the speed limit. If the new driver receives a speeding ticket, the new driver will pay for the ticket, increased insurance costs and suffer loss of driving privileges.
6. Pay the following expenses of driving:

Cost of vehicle			NOTES
Insurance			
Maintenance			
Gas			
7. Return the vehicle with the same amount of gas or more that was in it when they took possession of the car. The new driver will *never* return the car with an empty tank.
8. Return the vehicle as clean as or cleaner as it was when they took possession of it.
9. Follow all requirements of a graduated license. (Review them together.)
10. Follow all other safe driving practices, specifically:
 - Never tailgating;
 - Being able to see the tires of the vehicle ahead when stopped;
 - Anticipating upcoming hazards;
 - Driving defensively and anticipating what other drivers will do; and
 - Making accommodation for bad weather, night driving and road conditions.

The consequence for violating this agreement will be loss of driving privileges.

Exception: If the new driver ever finds him/her self in a dangerous situation with or without the vehicle, because of poor judgment, oversight or peer pressure, the parent pledges to come and pickup the young person without question or punishment.

Signed _____
NEW DRIVER PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE PARENT/GUARDIAN

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