

Driving Agreement between Parent and Teenager

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Car crashes are the number 1 killer of people aged 25 and under in Ireland. They cause more deaths than illness, suicide and addiction. Parents are the most important influence on their teenagers when it comes to learning to drive before and after their child gets a driving license. That means you can make a big difference by being a good role model and a good coach.



Start the Conversation

Talking to your teenager about the rules of the road isn't necessarily easy but it is important. That is why we are sharing this Driving Agreement. It may help you and your child make safer decisions when he or she gets behind the wheel and when being a passenger with friends. Use this as a tool to:

- Discuss your teenager's responsibilities when driving a car or travelling as a passenger in a car driven by another teenager.
- Decide on responsibilities and the consequences when those responsibilities are not met.

Once you talk over each issue, fill out the rules and consequences in the space provided. Then sign and date the agreement and keep it in a prominent place in your home so you can re-examine it often and make changes as your teenager becomes a more proficient driver.

Learn More

Learn about the rules of the road and educate yourself about teenager's attitudes about driving or get tips for talking with your teen age r about safer driving.

Statistics to drive you to complete our Agreement with your teen:

- 20% of all car road fatalities were males aged 17 -24
- Males aged between 17 – 24 are 5 times more likely to be killed than any other demographic;
- 52% of car passengers killed in 2012 were aged between 17 – 24
- 22% of passengers killed wore no seat belt.

Driving Agreement

Seat Belts

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Speeding

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Drink Driving and drugs

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Date

Music, Food and other distractions

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Date

Mobile Phones and Texting

Agreement

Date

Time of Day

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Number of Passengers

With no adult passengers, the risk of a 17 – 19 year old driver being killed in a crash increases by 44% with one passenger under the age of 21; it doubles with two young passengers and quadruples with three or more young passengers

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Grades

Studies in the USA have shown a very strong correlation between getting good grades and being safe on the road.

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Driving with a Licenced Adult

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Being a Safe Passenger and Friend

When travelling as a passenger in a car, you can help the driver get to the destination safely.

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Teenagers should speak up when they see risky driving behaviours including:

- Having too many people in the car;
- Using a mobile phone while driving;
- Drunk or impaired driving;
- Any uncomfortable situation that risks safety.

Young Driver or Passenger

I promise to abide by the agreement outlined above. If I break any part of this agreement, I will accept the consequences. During any time that I cannot drive, I will be responsible for making other safe arrangements to get around.

Signature and date

Parent/Guardian

I promise to be a good role model and a coach for my teenager. I will do what I can to help my teenager succeed in following this agreement and become a safe and responsible driver. I understand that this is an evolving agreement. I commit to discussing these rules and their consequences especially as my teenager becomes more experienced behind the wheel.

Signature and date