

# The Crashproof Contract

This agreement reflects our joint expectations, promises and responsibilities with respect to driving and use of a car. We enter this agreement in good faith, having considered these points to be fair, reasonable and in both our best interests.

## Teenager

I agree that learning to drive, obtaining my license and operating an automobile are hard-earned privileges, not rights. I will treat these privileges with respect, knowing that demonstrating skill, maturity and good judgment can expand them, and lack of such will lead to restriction or withdrawal of these privileges.

I realize that every time I get behind the wheel I am responsible for my safety and well-being, as well as the safety and well-being of anyone else riding with me. I take this responsibility seriously, and will not knowingly endanger myself or passengers who have entrusted their lives to me.

I will not let anyone else drive a car I am entrusted with, without the explicit consent of both my parents and the other driver's parents.

Seatbelts are mandatory not only for me, but for everyone else who is a passenger in the car. Every time. No exceptions.

I understand that for every passenger in my car I increase the likelihood of a crash by 50%, and I accept full responsibility for the safety of my passengers when I drive. No passengers will ride with me unless I have explicit consent from my parents.

I will not answer or make a cell phone call while I am driving. I agree that no call is so urgent that I can't pull over and make the call when I am off the road.

I agree not to drink any alcohol or take any illegal or mind-altering substances and attempt to drive. I will not get into a car driven by anyone whom I know or suspect has been drinking or taken drugs. If I find myself in this situation I will call my parents for a ride, with no questions asked.

I agree to keep my speed at or below the posted speed limit at all times and to obey all traffic regulations and laws.

I agree to drive with courtesy for everyone else on the road. When other drivers make stupid moves, I understand that it is not about me, and I will not take it personally or show my irritation.

I understand that violation of any of the above may result in the withdrawal, restriction or complete loss of any driving privileges my parents see fit, for a duration they determine.

## Parent(s)

I am committed to helping you become the safest, most skilled driver possible, and will spend as much time with you as necessary to accomplish this.

When you are driving I will try my best to limit criticism, shrieking and shouting. I pledge to be patient while you learn.

I acknowledge that I am not a perfect driver, but I have years of accumulated experience and wisdom to share, and no one in the world cares more about you. I will strive to improve my bad driving habits as I try to teach you good ones, and when in doubt, do as I say, not as I do.

If you have been drinking or are otherwise impaired, or if someone driving a car your are a passenger in is impaired and you call me to take you home, I will consider that to be a responsible act, and

I will pick you up without lectures or penalties.

It is my responsibility, and I take it seriously, to reduce, restrict or withdraw any of your driving privileges if I believe it is in your best interest. I don't expect or need you to agree with or like those decisions. I don't like to make them, either. It's totally up to you to avoid them.

It will also be my pleasure to grant, expand or accelerate your driving privileges as you earn them, and I will be proud to do so.

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Teen's Signature

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Parent(s) Signature

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