Practice driving will empower your teen. But your rules will provide much needed limits to keep him or her safe. Create rules to address the leading hazards for teen drivers through a parent-teen driving agreement.

**Young driver parent/guardian agreement**

We, ___________________________ and ___________________________,

agree to the following conditions:

1. **Young Driver’s Responsibilities:** (initial all that apply)
   - I will not let anyone else drive or use the vehicle entrusted to me.
   - I will not break driving laws. Any violations may result in the loss of vehicle privileges.
   - I will not consume drugs or alcohol in the vehicle or operate any vehicle under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs. Any violations will result in the loss of vehicle privileges.
   - Everyone in the vehicle must wear a seatbelt and keep it fastened at all times.
   - I will state my destination and time of return prior to using any vehicle. I will notify my parents if I think I will be more than 30 minutes late.
   - I will not drive to endanger my life, the lives of my passengers or anyone else on the road.
   - The use of communication devices in moving vehicles can distract the driver’s attention from the primary task of driving. Such distractions often lead to crashes as devastating as those caused by impaired driving or other dangerous behaviors. Therefore, I pledge not to text message and/or use a cell phone while driving.

2. **Costs and Maintenance of Vehicle:**
   - I will be responsible for the following:

3. **Parental Responsibilities:** (initial all that apply)
   - I will listen in a respectful manner to explanations or concerns expressed by my young driver regarding the operation of a vehicle or the terms of this contract.
   - I will provide respectful feedback when accompanying my young driver in a motor vehicle.
   - I will serve as a good role model when operating a vehicle and teach good driving skills and habits to my young driver.

4. **Operator Impairment as a Result of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs:**
   - **A. Young Driver’s Responsibilities**
     - I will not get into the vehicle of a driver who has been drinking or using illicit drugs. I will seek alternate transportation or I will call you for advice and/or transportation at any hour from any place. I have discussed with you and fully understand your feelings regarding underage drinking and the use of illicit drugs.
   - **B. Parental Responsibilities**
     - I (We) agree to come and get you at any hour, from any place, with no questions asked and no argument at that time, or I (we) will pay for a taxi to bring you home safely. I (we) expect that a discussion of such an incident would follow at a later time. Likewise, I (we) as your parent or guardian, agree to seek safe, sober transportation. I (We) will not drive if I (we) have been drinking, nor will I (we) drive with a friend who has been drinking.

5. **Liabilities:**

All drivers are legally responsible for their own actions as a driver and vehicle owners may be legally liable for damages caused by any person operating the owner’s vehicle.

Parents/guardians and young drivers should understand that insurance coverage and rates may be affected by any damages that result from the inappropriate use of the owner’s vehicle.

We agree to the terms of this contract, which may be revisited or revised at a later time.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian  Signature Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Young Driver  Date