

With great privileges, come greater responsibilities: Driver's Contract

A car "accident" is actually a preventable crash.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death of young people aged 15 to 20. A driver's highest lifetime risk of a fatal crash occurs during the first year after receiving a driver's license. By following these guidelines, you can reduce your chance of causing a car crash.

I, _____, **promise to drive carefully and be courteous to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other drivers.**

_____ **I promise that I will obey all the rules of the road.**

- Always wear a seat belt
- 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 to try to impress others.

_____ **I promise that I will make sure I can stay focused on driving.**

- Drive with both hands on the wheel.
- Turn off my phone when I get in the car and keep it off until I reach my destination.
- Never text, go on the internet, or talk on my cell phone while driving.
- Never eat or drink while I drive.
- Drive only when I am alert, well-rested, and in emotional control.
- Call my "Safety First" person (see next page) for a ride home if I am impaired in any way that interferes with my ability to drive safely.
- If I am on ADD medication, only drive during times it is effective.

_____ **I promise that I will respect 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 promise that I will be a responsible driver.**

- Drive only when I have permission to use the car.
- I will not let anyone else drive the car unless I have permission.
- Drive someone else's car only if I have parental permission.
- Keep an emergency road hazard kit in my care and make sure I know how to use it.
- Pay for all traffic citations or parking tickets.

_____ I promise that I will discuss organ donation with my parents. I understand that in the event of a fatal accident, I have the ability to save or enhance the lives of up to 50 people as described in www.DonateLifeTexas.org.

I choose to be an organ donor.

I choose NOT to be an organ donor

_____ I promise that I will complete my family responsibilities and maintain good grades at school as listed here:

_____ I promise that I will contribute to the costs of gasoline, maintenance, and insurance as listed here:

Signed by: _____
(driver)

Date: ____/____/____

Safety is First

If I have any reason to need a SAFE RIDE HOME (e.g. I am under the influence of *any* alcohol or drugs or I am too tired) I will call _____ to pick me up.

_____ agrees to pick me up immediately, not embarrass me, and ensure I am brought home safely to my room. Once I am sober, we will discuss the consequences of my actions.

Signed by: _____
(driver)

Date: ____/____/____

and

Signed by: _____
("safety first" person)

Date: ____/____/____