DMV Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Teen Safe Driving

Teen-Parent Driver Agreement

Teen-Parent Driving Agreements are a proven way to raise awareness of the dangers of teen driving and reduce a teen driver's crash risk. Motor vehicle crashes remain the #1 killer of teens. This Agreement spells out safety risks and what happens if the teen driver violates his/her obligations. Complete and sign this Agreement when your teen obtains a learner's permit, and review it again when your teen obtains a license.

Safety Risks (check-off after discussing)

- ☐ Driving is especially dangerous for teens because the human brain does not fully develop its ability to assess risk and danger or control impulse until we reach our mid-20s. Teen driver training cannot overcome this condition.
- ☐ Passing a training course and obtaining a driver's license means that a teen is only a beginner; it does not mean that a teen is a safe driver.
- ☐ Failure to follow state driving laws can cause injury, death, damage to property, and can result in criminal and civil penalties.
- ☐Speeding, reckless driving, alcohol or drug use, not using seat belts, illegal or distracting electronic devices, illegal passengers, and/or driving while fatigued risk the life of the driver, passengers, other drivers, and pedestrians.

Supervising Adult's Obligations (to be initialed)

- I am a role model, and I will teach safe driving habits and be a safe, responsible driver at all times. I will obey all traffic laws, always wear my seat belt, never drink and drive, and not use illegal or distracting electronic devices.
- I will, at any time and for any reason, give my teen a ride to avoid a dangerous driving or other situation. I agree that a call from my teen to provide a ride will not count as a violation of this Agreement.

Tips for Supervising Adults

Is your teen ready to drive?

Connecticut allows 16 year olds to obtain a learners permit, but an adult must decide if a teen is ready to drive. Some teens are not. Connecticut allows parents to block teens from getting a license.

Understand the dangers of texting and cell phones.

Texting is a major cause of motor vehicle crashes. Texting takes the driver's eyes off the road and eliminates the time needed to avoid a crash. Teen drivers should not use any illegal or distracting electronic device.

At least 100 hours on the road before solo driving.

Connecticut law requires a minimum of 40 hours of supervised driving practice prior to getting a license. It is recommended that a teen have at least 100 hours of supervised driving practice before getting a license and driving solo.

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Teen Driver Obligations

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	ecide, day by day, whether it is		
safe for me to drive.			
Driving Plan: I will get permission from the supervising			
adult every time I drive, and we will agree on my route,			
destination, time of return, and passengers. Joyriding, (driving with no destination or reason) is not allowed.			
□Seatbelts: I will wear my s			
that every passenger in my car, of any age, wears one. □Electronic Devices: Driving while texting, or talking on a			
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	ediate family, but I may not		
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	gue: I will NEVER drive under		
	drugs, or when I have not had		
	y supervising adult for a ride if		
I find myself in need of avo			
situation.			
☐Speeding: I will obey spee	ed limits, stop signs, traffic		
signals, and the rules of the road. I will drive at a			
reasonable speed and adjust my speed based on road			
conditions (i.e., weather, turns, hills, visibility, and			
unfamiliar roads).			
☐Suspension of Driving: IF I VIOLATE ANY OF THESE			
OBLIGATIONS, MY DRIVING PRIVILEGES WILL BE			
SUSPENDED FOR DAYS. Violations may be			
reported by law enforcement, neighbors, school			
to the state of th	suspension will be in addition		
	. If I drive while my privileges		
are suspended, they will be suspended indefinitely.			
☐ Finances: During this Agreement, costs of insurance, gas,			
and maintenance will be divided:			
Time Period: This Agreem	ent will remain in effect until		
12 months at a minimum, or un	til the age of 18, whichever is later.		
Commitment to Safety: By signing below, we commit ourselves to the safe driving requirements and understandings			
		stated in this Agreement.	
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Toon Driver			
Teen Driver	Date		
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Supervising Adult	Date		