

# Parent/Teen Driving Agreement

This agreement is intended to ensure our family driving rules are clearly communicated to avoid misunderstandings. **Together** we will discuss safe driving habits and define vehicle use and operation rules as well as the consequences for breaking any of these rules.

## 1. Intermediate License Restrictions

- Seat belts must be worn by you (driver) and all passengers.
- Passenger Restrictions
  - During the first 6 months, you may **not** have more than one passenger who is under the age of 19 who is not a member of our immediate family.
  - After the first 6 months you may **not** have more than three passengers who are under the age of 19 who are not members of our immediate family.
- You may not operate alone between the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am, except to and from a school activity, a job or an emergency, unless you are accompanied by a licensed driver 21 years of age or older.

## 2. Check In With a Parent Prior To Driving

- Tell us where you are going, who will be with you and when you expect to return.
- Call home if you will be more than \_\_\_\_\_ minutes late.
- Call if you are unable to drive home safely due to weather or other situations. We will pick you up or arrange a safe ride home.

## 3. Do Not Take Unnecessary Risks

- Never use alcohol or drugs and drive or ride with someone who has been drinking or using drugs. Call for a ride.
- Do not drive aggressively. (e.g. speeding, tailgating or cutting others off).
- Pay attention. Do not text or use cell phone when driving.
- Do not drive when you are overly tired, angry or upset.

## 4. Financial/Vehicle Maintenance Responsibilities – Discuss what parents and teen will be responsible for; such as fuel costs, routine maintenance, insurance, etc.

### PAY ATTENTION AND FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD

#### TEEN:

I understand that I alone am responsible for my actions behind the wheel. I pledge to drive safely and follow the laws of the State of Missouri and our family driving rules defined to protect myself, my passengers and other motorists.

I also understand if I do not follow the terms of this agreement my consequences will

be \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN:

As a parent/guardian I agree to help you to comply with the Graduated Driver License laws and to provide driver's training. I will respond reasonably and fairly if you call for assistance due to inability to safely drive home or due to a traffic accident, weather or roadside emergency.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Note:** This agreement is not a requirement of the GDL program. It is not an official document of the Department of Revenue and is not a legal document. This contract is recommended as a way to encourage discussions about safe and responsible driving between the parent(s)/guardian and teen driver.