



LAKEWAY MUNICIPAL COURT TEEN DRIVING CONTRACT

1. SPEEDING: In more than 40% of all **FATAL CAR COLLISIONS** among teenagers speeding is the primary cause of the collision.

AGREEMENT: I will always obey Speed Limits and will drive more carefully when the weather or road conditions necessitate it, such as at night or when it is raining.

CONSEQUENCES: I will pay for any tickets, court costs, increases in auto insurance that result from a traffic tickets.

2. TIME OF DAY: 50% of all fatalities involving teens in motor vehicle collisions occur between 4 p.m. and midnight.

AGREEMENT: Every time I drive, I will set a time to be home with my parents before I leave.

CONSEQUENCES: If I miss my time deadline by more than 15 minutes, I will be grounded one day for each minute I'm late.

3. COLLISIONS: Sixteen-year-old drivers have crash rates that are five times greater than 18-year-old drivers.

AGREEMENT: I will wear my safety belt and make sure all of my passengers wear their safety belts, pay attention to my driving, road conditions, avoid distractions, watch other drivers, make sure the road is clear before proceeding through a green signal light (wait two seconds after the light turns green before proceeding), and drive “defensively” to avoid collisions. If I see a car coming at me in my lane of traffic, I will do everything possible to avoid “head-on” collisions even if I have to drive off the road and hit a stationary object because most head-on collisions are **FATAL**.

CONSEQUENCES: I will be responsible for paying for any repair costs and increases in insurance premiums associated with accidents that were caused by me.

4. PASSENGERS: The presence of teen passengers in a car doubles the chances of a fatal crash.

AGREEMENT: I will not have any passengers ride with me when I am driving unless I get my parents’ permission, in advance.

CONSEQUENCES: If I have too many passengers in my car, I will lose my driving privileges for one month.

5. IMPAIRED DRIVING: Drunk driving or “buzzed” driving is the cause of more than 25% of all fatal teen crashes.

AGREEMENT: I will never drink alcohol, smoke marijuana, or take any other illegal or mind-altering drug and drive. I will not ever ride with anyone who has been drinking, smoking or using illegal or mind-altering drugs. If I need a ride home, and I am “impaired” or the driver with whom I rode with is “impaired” I agree to call my parents for a ride. My parents agree that I will not be punished for doing this.

CONSEQUENCES: If I ever drive after drinking, I will lose my driving privileges indefinitely.

6. SEATBELTS: Using seat belts can reduce the risk of dying in a car crash by 45%. In rollover collisions, the vast majority of unbelted occupants are ejected from the vehicle, dying as a result of the vehicle rolling over them or as a result of sustaining fatal head injuries.

AGREEMENT: I will always wear my seat belt whether I am driving or riding as a passenger.

CONSEQUENCES: If I receive a ticket for failure to wear a seat belt, I will be responsible for all costs associated with it. I will also lose nonessential driving privileges for a month.

7. CELL PHONES, TEXTING, MUSIC, AND OTHER DISTRACTIONS: Talking on a cell phone, texting messages, or putting on makeup while driving is just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated because it greatly slows down the time a driver has to react.

AGREEMENT: I will never talk on my cell phone or send a text message while I'm driving.

CONSEQUENCES: I will lose my cell phone indefinitely if I'm talking or texting and driving.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEEN DRIVER AND PARENTS

I, _____ (name of teen driver) promise to abide by the contract outlined above. If I break any part of this contract, I will accept the consequences. During any time that I cannot drive, I will be responsible for making other arrangements.

SIGNATURE OF DRIVER

DATE

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