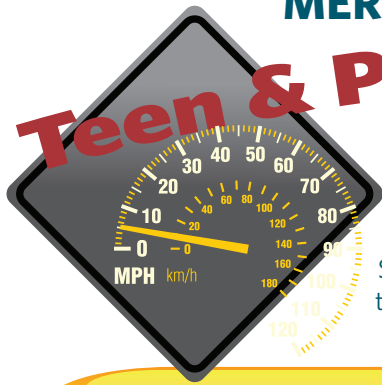


MERCY INJURY PREVENTION CENTER

Teen & Parent Driving Contract



For families with new drivers, it's important to have clear rules, responsibilities and consequences so both teens and parents understand their role during the learning process.

Since state laws provide a minimum safety standard, it's important to discuss this issue together. When all terms of the Teen/Parent Contract are agreed upon, fill out the form, sign and date it. Post it in a prominent, visible area as a daily reminder.

RULES FOR BOTH TEEN AND PARENT



Parents and Teen **WILL**:

1. Wear seat belts and require all passengers to wear seat belts
2. Obey all traffic laws
3. Drive at safe speed for road conditions - at or below the speed limit
4. Meet monthly to discuss the teen's driving



Parents and Teen **WILL NOT**:

1. Drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs
2. Talk on the phone while driving
3. Text message while driving
4. Engage in any distracting behavior (loud music or eating)
5. Conceal tickets, warning or crashes
6. Allow anyone else to drive the car

INTERMEDIATE LICENSE

New drivers have the highest crash rates during their first year. Research by the National Institute of Health shows that limits on solo driving reduces the occurrence. The table below gives a schedule for gradually relaxing the limits as the teen gains experience. Please make sure your schedule matches local and state driving laws.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	FIRST 2 MONTHS	3-6 MONTHS	7-12 MONTHS
Start date	__/__/__	__/__/__	__/__/__
No driving after	8 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.
Passengers	no one under 25	no other teens	no more than one
Roads	Local	no highway	most
Weather	dry	moderate	most

SITUATIONS & CONSEQUENCES

Speeding and Tickets:

Crashes:

Cell Phones, Music & Other distractions:

Time of Day:

Number of Passengers:

Seatbelts:

Contract

Teen Driver: I promise to follow the contract outlined above. If I break the contract I will accept the consequences.

Signature of Teen Driver

Date

Parent/Guardian: I promise to do what I can to help my teenager succeed as a safe and responsible driver. I understand that this is an evolving contract and promise to make myself available to discuss the rules and their consequences when necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

