



Young Driver-Parent Driving Agreement

Between

Young Driver.....

and

Parent/Guardian.....

Parent/Guardian.....

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In the south west young drivers under 21 have the highest crash risk of any age group. per mile travelled, they have the highest rates of involvement in all types of crashes, from those involving only property damage, through crashes causing injury, to those resulting in death. The problem is worst in the first few years of driving, when limited driving experience, and sometimes risk taking behind the wheel can result in disaster.

The **Learn 2 Live** Agreement

Allows your family to set your own conditions, importantly it asks for commitments from parent(s)/guardian(s) as well as from sons and daughters. You should complete the agreement together, discussing each issue, and deciding which ones you agree on by initialling or ticking the box beside the item. You may omit or jointly modify any items as you feel appropriate. It is your choice.

Son/Daughter

I acknowledge that the right to drive involves responsibilities.

I agree to accept the adult responsibilities and consequences of driving.

I agree to trust my parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide help when I need it. I will follow our family's mutually agreed decisions as outlined in this agreement.

Son/Daughter's Name.....

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

I/we acknowledge that the right to drive involves responsibilities.

I/we also acknowledge that as parent(s) or guardian(s), I am/we fulfil a role model for driving behaviour and will therefore drive in a responsible manner and follow our family's mutually agreed decisions as outlined in this agreement.

I/we agree to trust my/our son/daughter and help him/her through any difficult situations in a calm and non-judgmental manner.

I/we will follow our family's mutually agreed decisions as outlined in this agreement

Parent's/guardians Name

Parent's/guardians Name.....

Parents/guardians, please remember that your son/daughter has usually had, and still has, ample opportunity to watch your driving.

Your son/daughter may view any unsafe driving practices that they see you do, as acceptable for them. He/she will note any differences between what you say and what you do. Whatever you expect of him/her he/she should be able to expect of you.

Please consider the example you would like your son/daughter to follow.

When you sign each area of this agreement you are also agreeing to follow the same guidelines which your son/daughter is agreeing to follow.

Tick and/or initial the items that you agree on.

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Parent/Guardian's Promise to provide unqualified help:

My/our son/daughter's safety is of overriding importance to me/us. I/we will provide my/our son/daughter with money to enable him/her to take a taxi home if he/she feels this is the safest option. If ever my/our son/daughter feels that he/she is in a difficult or potentially dangerous situation, I/we agree to accept a call at any time and to ensure safe transport for him/her. I/we agree that this will be done in a calm and non judgmental manner.

Parent

Son/daughter's Promise to request help when necessary:

If I find myself in a difficult or potentially dangerous situation I agree to ring for assistance at any hour. I understand that my request for assistance will be met with in a calm and non judgmental manner.

Young Person

Safety is our top priority.

We agree to limit.....'s number of passengers to.....

Young Person

Parent

The risk increases by up to five times when an inexperienced driver has more two or more passengers.

Date of passenger limit review.....

We agree.....will be restricted from driving between the night time

hours of..... and.....

Young Person

Parent

50% of crashes between the hours of 10pm and 5:00am last year in Devon involved a 17-24 year driver. This is particularly high over the weekend periods.

Date of night driving hours review.....

We will not exceed marked speed limits or drive at inappropriate speeds.

Young Person

Parent

Almost half of the crashes attributed to speed last year in Devon involved 17-24 year drivers.

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We will not drive if we have been drinking alcohol or using drugs which might affect our driving.

- Young Person
 Parent

35% of people failing a breathalyzer test in Devon last year following a crash were aged 17-24 years old.

We will be aware of weather/road conditions that may affect our driving and will adjust our driving or pull over, as necessary.

- Young Person
 Parent

In Devon last year 40% of crashes in the rain involved 17-24 year old drivers. New drivers do not always make allowances for the different driving conditions.

We agree to allow for a safe margin of space between vehicles, adjusting for road conditions. We will not tailgate.

- Young Person
 Parent

Young people under 21, especially young men, are at least 3-4 times more likely to be involved in a car crash than any other age group.

We agree that all vehicle occupants will wear seatbelts correctly at all times.

- Young Person
 Parent

We agree to pull over to use a mobile phone to talk, or to send or receive text.

- Young Person
 Parent

If you get six or more penalty points within two years of passing your first driving test. You'll need to reapply for your driving licence as a learner driver and resit your driving test.

We agree that the registered owner will be informed as soon as possible if any damage should occur to the car.

- Young Person
 Parent

Fronting; Do not claim to be the main driver on an insurance policy when your son/daughter is the main driver, It's illegal and can lead to you being prosecuted.

I/we will ensure the car is in proper mechanical condition (including its tyre condition) before allowing its use by my/our son/daughter. I/we will ensure there is an emergency road kit in the car and that any used items are restocked immediately. www.learn-2-live.org.uk for details.

- Young Person
 Parent

For lots more information about starting to drive visit:
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We agree to accept the terms of the agreement and to review the terms of this agreement on a regular basis during the first three years of driving. (3-6 monthly is recommended)

Signature of Young Person.....Date.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....Date.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....Date.....

Date of Next Review.....

1st Review Date.....

Change 1 Young Driver

Change 2 Parent

Next Review Date.....

2nd Review Date.....

Change 1 Young Driver

Change 2 Parent

Next Review Date.....

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