

# PARENT CONTRACT

## WHY A PARENT TO PARENT CONTRACT IS IMPORTANT

It encourages parents to adopt a shared view and approach to their teens' driving, and to work as a team to ensure teens gain driving experience in the safest environment possible during that first year.

## HOW TO MAKE THE CONTRACT WORK

- **Write it down.** If the format that we've provided doesn't work, create your own.
- **Discuss the Issues.** Discuss the importance of seat belt use, night restrictions and passenger restrictions. Try to get the group to come to a consensus. If you can't, make sure the other parents know the rules and restrictions you've imposed on your teen driver.
- **Sign it.** The act of signing the contract cements the significance of the promises made.

## NIGHT RESTRICTIONS

We, the undersigned parents, agree that our teens won't drive at night between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for a period of at least \_\_\_\_\_ months. We will work as a group to make sure that they are able to attend all school, social and work activities during that time.

## PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS

We, the undersigned parents, agree that our teens won't drive with other teen passengers or be driven by a teen driver for a period of at least \_\_\_\_\_ months. We will work as a group to make sure that they are able to attend all school, social and work activities during that time.

## SEAT BELT USE

We, the undersigned parents, agree to talk to our teens about the importance of always wearing your seat belt – in every seating position in the vehicle. We will make seat belt use a requirement of licensure for our children. We also pledge to lead by example and always wear our seat belts.

## GOOD DRIVING BEHAVIOR

Teens say that the greatest role models they have are their parents. If we speed, tailgate, talk on the phone while driving and run red lights, our teens are likely to as well. We, the undersigned parents, agree to monitor our behavior in the car and be the best role models possible for our teen drivers.

## PARENT'S PLEDGE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

