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## **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT 2 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 night or when it is raining.

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

- 2. TIME OF DAY:** 50% of all fatalities involving teens in motor vehicle collisions are killed between 4p.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. I will 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 a “head-on” collision 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-one time only.

**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 cost 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.

**TEEN DRIVER**

I 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.

**I also understand that if I am on probation with the Court and violate any terms of this contract this can be grounds for the Judge to revoke my probation.**

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SIGNATURE OF DRIVER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**PARENT/GUARDIAN**

I promise to do what I can to help my teenager succeed in following this contract. I promise to make time to help my child become a safe and responsible driver. I understand this is an evolving contract and promise to make myself available to discuss these rules and their consequences when necessary.

**If my child is on probation with the Court and my child violates any terms of this contract I agree to notify the Court of these violations.**

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT

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DATE

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