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Parent-Teen Driving Contract

Young, inexperienced drivers, die too often in fatal crashes largely because of immaturity and inexperience. Three-stage GDL laws reduce these factors by gradually introducing driving tasks and privileges through controlled exposure to high-risk situations. All States and the District of Columbia have GDL laws with these three stages:

- Learner's Permit,
- Intermediate (Provisional) License, and
- Full Licensure

Make sure you and your teen drivers know and understand your State GDL laws before they get behind the wheel.

DISTRACTED DRIVING: In 2018, for drivers 15-19 years old involved in fatal crashes, 7% percent of the distracted drivers were distracted by the use of cell phones. In 10% of fatal crashes involving a teen driver in 2016, the teen driver was distracted at the time of the crash.

1. RULE: NO CELL PHONES.

AGREEMENT: _____

CONSEQUENCES: _____

2. EXTRA PASSENGERS: The risk of fatal crashes goes up in direct relation to the number of teens in the car. RULE: NO EXTRA PASSENGERS.

AGREEMENT: _____

CONSEQUENCES: _____

3. SPEEDING: In 2016, speeding was a factor for 32% of teen (15-19) drivers in fatal crashes. RULE: NO SPEEDING.

AGREEMENT: _____

CONSEQUENCES: _____

4. ALCOHOL: In 2016 almost 20% of the teen drivers involved in fatal crashes were drinking. RULE: ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL!

AGREEMENT: _____

CONSEQUENCES: _____

5. **SEATBELTS:** In 2016, over half (58%) of all passenger fatalities of 15-18-year-old passenger vehicle drivers were unrestrained. **RULE: ALWAYS BUCKLE-UP.**

AGREEMENT: _____

CONSEQUENCES: _____

TEEN: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____

