



# The Checkpoints Parent-Teen Driving Agreement

## PART I DRIVING RULES *These are absolutes—ones that apply to every trip, every time*

MARK EACH WITH A CHECK TO INDICATE AGREEMENT

### TEEN DRIVER WILL:

- Always obey all traffic laws
- Never speed, tailgate, or cut others off
- Always wear a seat belt and require all passengers to wear seat belts
- Never drive after taking any drugs or alcohol or ride with a driver who has taken any drugs or alcohol
- Always tell parent/guardian where going and with whom
- Always call home if going to be late
- Always call home if for any reason it is not safe to drive or ride

### PARENT WILL:

- Be a good role model behind the wheel
- Point out and discuss safe and dangerous driving situations and practices
- Apply rules fairly and consistently
- Consider *necessary* exceptions to driving limits
- Provide safe ride home (no questions asked at that time)

## PART II DRIVING PRIVILEGES *These need to be tailored to your teen's driving progress*

■ Checkpoint 1 covers the first month with a Provisional License. Discuss and assign driving privileges. Use the recommendations provided or create your own. Set a date to review driving privileges. Then, both you and your teen should initial and date your agreement.

■ At the review date, determine the answers to the "Quick Check" questions to the right:

✓ *If your teen's progress is not satisfactory, either keep the same privileges or reduce driving privileges and set another review date for the current Checkpoint.*

✓ *If your teen's progress is satisfactory, determine appropriate driving privileges for next Checkpoint, set a new review date, and initial and date your agreement.*

■ Checkpoint 2 covers months 2-6 and Checkpoint 3 covers months 7-12 of the Provisional License period. At the review date, repeat steps 1 and 2 above, selecting new driving privileges.

### QUICK CHECK

*Did your teen:*

- ✓ Follow unsupervised driving privileges?
- ✓ Gain experience and advance in driving skills and judgment?
- ✓ Obey traffic laws?
- ✓ "Check in" with parent before each driving event?
- ✓ Take no unnecessary risks?
- ✓ Rarely lose driving privileges?

| DRIVING PRIVILEGES                 | NIGHTTIME | TEEN PASSENGERS | WEATHER  | ROAD TYPES    | REVIEW DATE | WE AGREE (INITIAL) |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>CHECKPOINT 1</b><br>Month 1     | 8 PM      | NONE            | DRY      | LOCAL         | ___/___/___ | _____              |
| <b>CHECKPOINT 2</b><br>Months 2-6  | 9 PM      | NONE            | MODERATE | NO HIGH SPEED | ___/___/___ | _____              |
| <b>CHECKPOINT 3</b><br>Months 7-12 | 11 PM     | ONE             | MOST     | MOST          | ___/___/___ | _____              |

**WE AGREE** (sign) \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT \_\_\_\_\_ TEEN

# RESOURCES

*Check out the following links to gain information on important Rhode Island websites, as well as national websites, on teen licensing, driver's education, GDL, parent-teen driving guides & tips, and safety messages on teen driving risks. Several of the sites offer guides that you, as a parent, may want to use as you provide basic on-road training for your teen.*

## **RHODE ISLAND RESOURCES**

**Rhode Island Motor Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV):** This website was created to provide easy-to-access information and resources for all DMV needs. You can find new driver requirements, driver's manuals, office locations and hours, and other useful information.  
<http://www.dmv.ri.gov/>

**Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI):** Driver Education courses are offered through CCRI's Division for Lifelong Learning at various locations throughout the state, including most high schools and CCRI's four campus locations. (There are other providers of Driver Education as well; all are certified by CCRI.)  
<http://www.ccri.edu/lifelong/dred/>

## **NATIONAL AND PRACTICE DRIVING RESOURCES**

**A Family Guide to Teen Driver Safety (National Safety Council):** Assists families in understanding and managing the journey their teens will travel from beginner to independent driver.  
[http://www.nsc.org/teendriversafety/pdf/NSC\\_Guide\\_Front.pdf](http://www.nsc.org/teendriversafety/pdf/NSC_Guide_Front.pdf)

**American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association:** As a national advocate for quality traffic safety education, ADTSEA conducts conferences, workshops and seminars and provides consultative services. The organization also develops educational materials.  
<http://adtsea.iup.edu/adtsea>

**DriverZed:** A full-screen, full-motion, real-life interactive DVD video that puts your teen in the driver's seat.  
<http://www.driverzed.org/>

**Driving Skills for Life:** Combines learning materials for use by students, parents, educators, and instructors for use at home, in schools and community settings.  
<http://www.drivingskillsforlife.com/>

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:** NHTSA provides leadership to the motor vehicle and highway safety community through the development of innovative approaches to reducing motor vehicle crashes and injuries.  
<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>

**Network of Employers for Traffic Safety:** The NETS mission is to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries within the nation's workforce. NETS materials, particularly the Novice Driver's Road Map, a guide for teaching teens to drive, are available to individuals.  
<http://www.trafficsafety.org/worklife/novice.asp>

**Parent's Guide (American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association):** The purpose of the Parent's Guide is to assist parents and other mentors in conducting 50 hours of driving instruction to their teens.  
<http://www.adtsea.iup.edu/adtsea/pdf/parentguide.pdf>

**Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD):** SADD is a peer leadership organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving, teen violence and teen depression and suicide.  
<http://www.sadd.org/>

**Teen Driving:** Offers hundreds of safe driving and defensive driving tips from buying a used car to driving in traffic, driving around school – even tips on parallel parking, buying auto insurance, and picking an online driving course.  
<http://www.teendriving.com/index.html>