

# You Safely Home

## TEEN DRIVER CONTRACT

The Coalition to End Needless Death on Our Roadways (END), Discount Tire Company and the National Safety Council have created this comprehensive teen driver contract called You Safely Home to help keep young drivers safe throughout their early driving experience and beyond. By completing this contract, it is our hope that parents/guardians and teen drivers will learn together practical steps that can be applied for a lifetime of safe driving.

### CONTRACT

I acknowledge that I am an inexperienced, teen/underage driver, and I also am aware of the fact that automobile crashes are the leading cause of death for people my age (16 - 20) and approximately 36 percent of all deaths for people aged 15 through 20 are from automobile crashes.

Therefore, to insure that I, \_\_\_\_\_, always arrive home safely, and also to insure that \_\_\_\_\_ remains steadfastly committed to the strict enforcement of this contract and abide by the "Alcohol and/or Other Drugs" and "Safety Belt" provisions herein, thereby setting a good example for me, the undersigned teen/underage driver.

*Signature of Teen/Underage Driver*

*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

In order to accomplish this, and in order to understand fully the severe consequences of poor behavior before and/or while driving, we, the undersigned teen/underage driver and the parent/guardian, agree to discuss fully the provisions outlined on the opposite side of this document, adding and/or changing language to suit our individual situation, and we also agree to adhere strictly to the terms herein (independent of state or local law).

Please see below and the other side of this document for specific contract information to be discussed, agreed upon and initialed by the teen/underage driver and parent/guardian. This document lists only some of the most severe and life-threatening driving problems facing teen/underage drivers. For more suggestions on possible contract provisions, please visit [www.EndNeedlessDeath.org](http://www.EndNeedlessDeath.org).

### 1. ALCOHOL AND/OR OTHER DRUGS

I, the undersigned teen/underage driver, will not use alcohol (until legally able to do so) or other illegal drugs, thereby not putting myself in a situation of making the decision to drive while or after doing so; I will not attempt to purchase alcohol (with a fraudulent ID or otherwise) or illegal drugs; I will not illegally transport such substances in a vehicle (whether driving or not); nor will I be a passenger in a vehicle being driven by an individual who has done any of the above. I understand that a violation of this provision means an absolute denial of my driving privileges until my 21st birthday with no exceptions!

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Teen/Underage Driver*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Parent/Guardian*

In the event that one or more of the above provisions are violated, I, the undersigned teen/underage driver, will contact my parent/guardian for transportation home. I, the undersigned parent/guardian, will appreciate this life-saving behavior and will limit discussions to the decision-making that put the teen/underage driver in this difficult situation and how to avoid future instances.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Teen/Underage Driver*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Parent/Guardian*

## 2. SAFETY BELT USE

I, the undersigned teen/underage driver, will always wear a properly adjusted passenger restraint (shoulder and lap belt) while driving and/or riding in a motor vehicle no matter where I am seated in the vehicle. Any violation of this provision will result in a denial of driving privileges for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Teen/Underage Driver*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Parent/Guardian*

## 3. PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS (FOR UNDER - 18 DRIVERS)

I, the undersigned teen/underage driver, will at no time while driving carry more than one under-18 passenger (except family members) nor will I ride within a vehicle driven by an under-18 driver when more than one under-18 passenger is riding in the vehicle. Any violation of this provision will result in a denial of the driving privileges for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Teen/Underage Driver*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Parent/Guardian*

## 4. CURFEW (FOR UNDER 18 DRIVERS)

I, the under-signed teen/underage driver, will at no time drive nor will I ride in a motor vehicle driven by an under-18 between the hours of \_\_\_\_:00pm and \_\_\_\_:00am (Recommended: 10:00 pm and 5:00 am). Any violation of this provision will result in a denial of the teen's driving privileges for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Teen/Underage Driver*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Parent/Guardian*

## 5. VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

I, the under-signed teen/underage driver, agree to perform routine tire maintenance on the vehicle for which I'm responsible, weekly checking tire pressure and tire wear. Any violation of this provision will result in a denial of the teen's driving privileges for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Teen/Underage Driver*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Initials of Parent/Guardian*