



Helping your teen become a safer driver

Every year nearly 322 teenagers between the ages of 15–19 are killed in car crashes and about 25,375 are injured.¹ Despite safer cars, better roads and countless driving programs, these numbers have stayed fairly consistent for more than a decade. You can help change this.

GET THE CONVERSATION STARTED

As a way to get started, Allstate has created the Parent-Teen Driving Contract. It can help you:

- Outline your teen's key driving responsibilities
- Decide on the associated consequences when those responsibilities are not met
- Define your role in helping your teen become a safe driver

Once you talk over each issue and come to an agreement, fill out the rules and consequences in the space provided. Then sign and date it. Be sure to keep it in a prominent place, like on the door of your refrigerator, so you can re-examine it often and make changes as your teen becomes a more experienced driver.

LEARN MORE ABOUT TEEN DRIVING ISSUES

The graduated licensing process lets new drivers acquire driving experience and skills gradually.² Each province has different laws, so you and your teen should become familiar with them and take them into consideration as you complete the contract.

To learn about your province's licensing laws, better understand teens' attitudes about driving or to get tips for talking with them about safe driving, call your local Allstate Agency or visit goodhandsadvice.ca/distraction. The more you get involved, the more likely your teen will be a safe driver.

Parent-Teen Driving Contract

SPEEDING AND DRIVER ERROR

Between 2002 and 2004, 40 per cent of speeding drivers in fatal crashes were aged 16–24 years.³

AGREEMENT

CONSEQUENCES

CRASHES

According to the Insurance Bureau of Canada, drivers aged 21 and under with less than six months of driving experience have more collisions, drive at higher initial speeds, follow the car ahead more closely and talk on their cell phones more than drivers with 10 or more years of driving experience.

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DRINKING, DRIVING AND DRUGS

Alcohol and drug impairment is the biggest killer on our roads. Approximately one third of all drivers killed in Canada had been drinking.⁴

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SEATBELTS

The 7 per cent of Canadians that do not wear their seat belts account for almost 40 per cent of fatalities in vehicle collisions.⁵

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CELL PHONES, MUSIC AND OTHER DISTRACTIONS

Distracted driving is the equivalent of driving after consuming four beers. Taking your eyes off the road for five seconds while driving at 90 km/h is the same as driving the length of a football field completely blind.

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EDUCATION

Driver training can help make your teen a better driver and could save you money. For more details, check with your local Allstate representative.

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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 to get around.

SIGNATURE OF TEEN 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.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

Further your commitment to safe driving. Take the Action Against Distraction pledge and learn more about distracted driving laws at goodhandsadvice.ca/distraction.



Sources: 1. <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/roadsafety/resources-researchstats-menu-847.htm>, 2. <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/gradu/>, 3. <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/roadsafety/tp-tp2436-rs200807-menu-158.htm>, 4. <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/roadsafety/tp-tp14646-menu-191.htm>, 5. <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/roadsafety/tp-tp14646-menu-191.htm>