



# 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 safety belt and require all passengers to wear safety 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 a 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 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 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 the next Checkpoint, set a new review date, and initial your new agreement.*

■ Checkpoint 2 covers months 2-6 and Checkpoint 3 covers months 7-12 with the Driver's License. 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     | 9 PM      | NONE            | DRY      | LOCAL         | ___/___/___ | _____              |
| <b>CHECKPOINT 2</b><br>Months 2-6  | 10 PM     | NONE            | MODERATE | NO HIGH SPEED | ___/___/___ | _____              |
| <b>CHECKPOINT 3</b><br>Months 7-12 | 11 PM     | NONE            | MOST     | MOST          | ___/___/___ | _____              |

WE AGREE (sign) \_\_\_\_\_

TEEN

PARENT