IRVINE USED CARS

FREE PRINTABLE

# Teen driver agreement.

Fill this in **together**. Talk through each line, write in your family's own limits, and sign it. Look at it again every few months as experience grows.

Driver _____ Parent or guardian _____ Date _____

## 1 I will always

EVERY TRIP

- [ ] Wear my seat belt and make sure every passenger wears theirs
- [ ] Put my phone away and on Do Not Disturb before I start the car
- [ ] Follow California's provisional license rules for passengers and night driving (dmv.ca.gov)
- [ ] Drive sober: no alcohol, cannabis or anything that affects my driving
- [ ] Obey speed limits and slow down in rain, fog and darkness
- [ ] Tell you where I'm going and text when I arrive
- [ ] Call you if I'm ever unsafe to drive or riding with someone who is, with no lecture that night

## 2 Parent's promise

FAIR IS FAIR

- [ ] Model safe driving myself: phone down, belt on
- [ ] Keep practicing with you in new situations
- [ ] Pick you up, any time, no questions that night

## Our own extra rules

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## 3 Our family limits

WRITE THEM IN

Latest time I can be driving _____

Passengers allowed (who, how many) _____

Freeways and long trips _____

Places I can drive to _____

## 4 Car and costs

WHO PAYS FOR WHAT

Gas or charging _____

Insurance share _____

Tickets and damage _____

Keeping the car clean and checked _____

## 5 If a rule is broken

AGREED IN ADVANCE

First time _____

Second time _____

Phone use while driving _____

Driver's signature _____ Parent's signature _____

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# First car checklist.

For choosing and buying a teen's first car. See our guide: irvineautosales.com/blog/best-used-cars-for-teen-drivers/

## 1 Budget

THE FULL COST

- [ ] Price plus **sales or use tax** for your city (free calculator at irvineautosales.com/tools/)
- [ ] DMV fees: estimate with the **DMV Fee Calculator**
- [ ] **Insurance quote for this exact car** with the teen listed, before you buy
- [ ] Money set aside for tires, brakes and maintenance

## 2 Safe and sensible

CHOOSING

- [ ] Look up crash-test results (IIHS and NHTSA)
- [ ] Electronic stability control, airbags and a backup camera
- [ ] Moderate power; easy to see out of and easy to park
- [ ] Good tires with even wear

## 3 Checking a used car

BEFORE YOU PAY

- [ ] Vehicle history report (ask the seller for the CARFAX)
- [ ] Open recalls checked by VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls
- [ ] Test drive together; the teen drives too
- [ ] Independent pre-purchase inspection
- [ ] Smog certificate from the seller; title checked

## 4 Ready to drive

FIRST WEEK

- [ ] Registration, insurance card and roadside number in the glovebox
- [ ] Emergency kit in the trunk
- [ ] Teen knows how to check tire pressure, top up washer fluid and call for help
- [ ] Start a maintenance log (free printable at irvineautosales.com/tools/)

## 5 Budget worksheet

ADD IT UP

Price of the car _____

Sales or use tax _____

DMV fees (fee calculator) _____

Insurance for a year _____

Set aside for repairs _____

Total for year one _____

### Talk it through

- Whose name goes on the title and registration? Ask your insurer how that affects coverage
- Who drives the car besides the teen?
- What happens to the car at college or a first job?
- Who handles the smog check and registration renewal?

## 6 Compare the finalists

THREE CARS

| Car | Miles | Price | Insurance quote | History report | Recalls | Inspection |
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