

Appendix B - Young Driver - Parent/Guardian Contract

TO SUPPORT OUR COMMON GOAL TO BE SAFE DRIVERS

We, _____ and _____
(Names of Parents or Guardian) (Name of Young Driver)

agree to the following conditions:

1. Young Driver Responsibilities

Initial all that apply:

- I will not let anyone else drive or use the vehicle entrusted to me.
- I will not break driving laws. Any violations may result in a loss of vehicle privileges.
- I will not consume drugs or alcohol in the vehicle or operate any vehicle under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs. Any violation will result in the loss of vehicle privileges.
- Everyone in the vehicle must wear a seat belt and keep it fastened at all times.
- I will state my destination and time of return prior to using any vehicle. I will notify my parents if I think I will be more than 30 minutes late.
- I will drive in a manner not to endanger my life, the lives of my passengers, or anyone else on the road.

2. Cost and Maintenance of Vehicle

_____ will be responsible for the following:
(Name of Young Driver)

Indicate dollar amount or percentage of cost:

- Cost of vehicle
- Cost of fuel
- Damage to the vehicle
- Insurance costs
- Vehicle registration
- Maintenance costs
- Fines and penalties
- Other

Check all that apply:

- Checking the fluids regularly
- Inspecting tires and checking air pressure
- Reporting unusual performance
- Keeping the interior and exterior clean
- Other
- Do normal maintenance
- Clear or clean all windows
- Report or re-fuel when gas tank is less than 1/4 full

3. Driving Privileges

This portion of the contract may be used to outline any additional conditions or limits on the use of the vehicle as agreed to by teens and parents:

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4. Parental Responsibilities

Initial all that apply:

- ____ I will listen in a respectful manner to explanations or concerns expressed by my young driver regarding the operation of a vehicle or the terms of the contract.
- ____ I will provide respectful feedback when accompanying my young driver in a motor vehicle.
- ____ I will serve as a good role model when operating a vehicle and teach good driving skills and habits to my young driver.

5. Operator Impairment as a Result of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs.

- A. Young Driver's Responsibility. I will not get into the vehicle of a driver who has been drinking or using illicit drugs. I will seek alternative transportation or I will call you for advice and/or transportation at any hour from any place.

____(Initial, Parent or Guardian) ____ (Initial, Young Driver)

- B. Parent or Guardian's Responsibility. I (We) agree to come and get you at any hours, from any place, with no questions asked and no argument at that time, or I (we) will pay for a taxi to bring you home safely. I (we) expect that a discussion of such an incident would follow at a later time.

Likewise, I (We) as you parent or guardian, agree to seek safe, sober transportation. I (we) will not drive if I (we) have been drinking, nor will I (we) ride with a friend who has been drinking.

____(Initial, Parent or Guardian) ____ (Initial, Young Driver)

Legal Penalties

Under current Hawaii law, all new drivers under 18 years of age operate first with an instructional permit followed by a provisional license, before they are eligible for a full license. Moving violation such as speeding, failure to obey traffic lights or stop signs, and other reckless driving offenses will result in the loss of the provisional license as follows:

<i>First offense</i>	<i>Loss of license for 6 months</i>
<i>Second offense</i>	<i>Loss of license for one year</i>

Drivers under 21 years of age who operate a vehicle after consuming a measurable amount of alcohol (0.02) are subject to the following penalties:

<i>First offense</i>	<i>Loss of license for 6 months</i>
<i>Second and subsequent offenses</i>	<i>Loss of license for one year</i>

6. Liabilities.

All drivers are legally responsible for their own actions as a driver and vehicle owners may be legally liable for damages caused by any person operating the owner's vehicle.

Parents and young drivers should understand that insurance coverage and rates may be affected by any damages that result from the inappropriate use of the owner's vehicle.

We agree to the terms of this contract, which may be revisited or revised at a later time.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Signature of Young Driver)

Date

Adapted from Marthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, Maine