

Teen-Parent/Guardian Driving Agreement

Parent/Guardian – you're in charge of your child's license. This is your contract with your teen. "Blanks" are to be filled by you as Parent/Guardian. The Rules listed follow the law and/or recommendations to keep your child safe.

TEEN DRIVING RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

"Rules are meant to protect us, so I follow them. Something might feel good at the moment, but the consequences are scary."

— [Wendy Higgins](#)

Rule 1. Check in with my parent/guardian every time I drive and that includes telling my parent/guardian the following:

- Where I am going, who's with me, when I will return and any change in plans.
- If I will be more than ____ minutes late.
- If I cannot get home safely. My parent/guardian will make sure I get a safe ride home.

Rule 2. Obey all traffic laws, signs and curfew restrictions and that includes:

- I will never use alcohol or other drugs and drive.
- I will never ride with a person who is driving after using alcohol or other drugs.
- I will never ride in a car where any alcohol or drug use is occurring.
- I will always wear my seat belt at all times as a driver or passenger.
- I will always have every passenger wear a seat belt.
- I will not drive aggressively (e.g. speeding, tailgating, or cutting others off).
- I will not drive after ____ PM at night. *See Curfew policy on back.*
- I will not have more than ____ teen passenger(s). *See portions of DMV article on back.*

Rule 3. Do not take unnecessary risks while driving and that includes:

- No messing or playing around with devices or passengers (texting, talking on cell, etc...).
- Not making unnecessary trips in bad weather.
- Not driving when overly tired, angry or upset.

"Sometimes our emotions rule us. How we handle the consequences ... defines us." — [Kat Bastion](#)

Drugs/Alcohol If I use and drive then I will/will not (circle which) lose my driving privileges for ____ months/years and _____.

Speeding If I get a speeding ticket then I will/will not (circle which) lose my driving privileges for ____ weeks/months and _____.

Seat Belts If I don't make all passengers wear seat belts then I will/will not (circle which) lose my driving privileges for ____ weeks/months and _____.

Lying If I lie about where I was going with the car then I will/will not (circle which) lose my driving privileges for ____ weeks/months and _____.

Late If I'm late without letting my parent guardian know then I will/will not (circle which) lose my driving privileges for ____ weeks/months and _____.

(Your concern) If I _____ then I will/will not (circle which) lose my driving privileges for ____ weeks/months and _____.

We agree to these driving conditions and rules:

Signature of Teen

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Based upon AAA StartSmart Parent-Teen Driving Agreement available at AAA.com.

National AAA granted permission for use of information presented.

Chesterfield County Curfew, Driving Restrictions and More

Chesterfield County Code establishes a *curfew policy* which states:

"It shall be unlawful for any child under the age of 18 years to be upon the streets or in other public places in the county between 11:00 p.m. and daylight of the following day unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or some adult person lawfully in charge of such child. This section shall not be construed to prohibit children under 18 years of age from discharging their employment duties or attending religious, school or civic organizational functions unaccompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult person."

The DMV publication entitled "**Parents in the Driver's Seat**" states:

Parent/Guardian's Rights

"Until your teen turns age 18, you have the right to request DMV to cancel his or her driver's license. If you desire to do so, complete the "Cancellation of a Minor's Driver's License" form (DMV form DL 18)."

Passenger Limits

"If your teen is under age 18, he or she may carry only one passenger under age 21, unless accompanied by a licensed parent, or other adult acting in place of a parent, in the front passenger seat; however, after he or she has held a license for one year, your teen may carry up to three passengers under age 21 in the following situations: travel to and from a school sponsored activity, there is a licensed driver 21 or older in the front passenger seat or there is an emergency. Passenger restrictions do not apply to members of the driver's family or household."

Cell Phones

"If your teen is under age 18, he or she may not operate a motor vehicle while using any cellular telephone or any other wireless telecommunication devices, regardless if it is hands-free device, unless in a driver emergency or when the vehicle is lawfully parked or stopped."

Leading Cause of Death

"In fact, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for persons between the ages of 15 and 20. That's why it's important for you to be involved in the first years of your teen's driving."

Permission granted by Virginia DMV for information presented.

For more information - www.dmvNOW.com or contact DMV at (804) 497-7100.

The foregoing materials are for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing legal advice or a legally enforceable agreement. You should contact your attorney to obtain legal advice with respect to a particular issue or problem.

Teen-Parent/Guardian Driving Agreement

Chesterfield County & City of Colonial Heights Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Revised 4/24/20

City of Colonial Heights Curfew, Driving Restrictions and More

City of Colonial Heights establishes a **curfew ordinance** which states:

“It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, for any minor to be or remain in or upon any public place within the City of Colonial Heights from 11:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., local prevailing time.”

Exceptions:

- An emergency presenting an imminent danger to life, safety or property
- The minor is engaged in, or traveling directly to or from, a lawful activity as defined herein
- The minor is traveling directly home from an organized school, civic or religious activity, or his or her place of employment
- The minor is accompanied by a parent of said minor
- The minor is accompanied by an adult authorized by a parent of said minor to take said parent's place in accompanying said minor for a designated period of time and purpose within a specified area
- The minor is not more than 50 feet from the minor's place of residence
- The minor is, with parental consent, in a motor vehicle and engaged in interstate travel beginning, ending or passing through the city.

The DMV publication entitled “**Parents in the Driver’s Seat**” states:

Parent/Guardian’s Rights

“Until your teen turns age 18, you have the right to request DMV to cancel his or her driver’s license. If you desire to do so, complete the “Cancellation of a Minor’s Driver’s License” form (DMV form DL 18).”

Passenger Limits

“If your teen is under age 18, he or she may carry only one passenger under age 21, unless accompanied by a licensed parent, or other adult acting in place of a parent, in the front passenger seat; however, after he or she has held a license for one year, your teen may carry up to three passengers under age 21 in the following situations: travel to and from a school sponsored activity, there is a licensed driver 21 or older in the front passenger seat or there is an emergency. Passenger restrictions do not apply to members of the driver’s family or household.”

Cell Phones

“If your teen is under age 18, he or she may not operate a motor vehicle while using any cellular telephone or any other wireless telecommunication devices, regardless if it is hands-free device, unless in a driver emergency or when the vehicle is lawfully parked or stopped.”

Leading Cause of Death

“In fact, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for persons between the ages of 15 and 20. That’s why it’s important for you to be involved in the first years of your teen’s driving.”

Permission granted by Virginia DMV for information presented.

For more information - www.dmvNOW.com or contact DMV at (804) 497-7100.

The foregoing materials are for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing legal advice or a legally enforceable agreement. You should contact your attorney to obtain legal advice with respect to a particular issue or problem.

Teen-Parent/Guardian Driving Agreement

Chesterfield County & City of Colonial Heights Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Revised 4/24/20