

# Driving in the Safe Lane Pledge

\_\_\_ I pledge to **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE**. I will encourage my parents to give me as much practice time as possible. I will make a schedule and hold them to it whenever possible. I will continue to practice with them, even after I get my license. I will practice under different road and weather conditions, starting with side roads and then progressing to major roads and highways. I will avoid driving in bad weather without supervision.

\_\_\_ I pledge **ALWAYS TO WEAR MY SEATBELT**. I will always require my passengers to wear their seatbelts, whether they're in the front or back seat. I will wear a seatbelt when I am a passenger.

\_\_\_ I pledge to **LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS IN MY CAR**. Passengers are distracting and oftentimes encourage risk-taking behavior. My risk of a fatal crash increases enormously with each additional passenger.

\_\_\_ I pledge **NEVER TO DRINK AND DRIVE**. Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is illegal and will impair my ability to drive. I will not be a passenger in anyone's vehicle who is under the influence.

\_\_\_ I pledge **ALWAYS TO OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT**. Speed is one cause of fatal crashes. I will always obey posted speed limits and all other posted signs, signals and markings.

\_\_\_ I pledge to **RESTRICT LATE-NIGHT DRIVING**. Visibility is reduced at night, making accurate judgments more difficult. I am three times more likely to be killed at night than during the day.

\_\_\_ I pledge **NOT TO USE A CELL PHONE**. Even "hands free" talking, text messaging, or using other electronic devices are distractions that divert my attention from the road. I will save the cell phone for emergency use. I will pull off the road to a safe location if I need to make a call.

\_\_\_ I pledge to **AVOID OTHER DISTRACTIONS**. I will not eat, drink, adjust the radio or climate controls, or engage in other distractions while driving.

\_\_\_ I pledge to **DRIVE A SAFE CAR**. I will have my car inspected regularly and will have it serviced when problems appear. When buying a car, I will ask about the types of airbags and other safety features included.

\_\_\_ I pledge to **HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**. Driving is a privilege, not a right. With that privilege comes great responsibility. I will take that responsibility seriously. My car is the most powerful weapon I will probably ever handle. 1 1/2 tons of fast-moving metal is not child's play.

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School/Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Date

(Optional)

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Parent's First Name

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Last Name

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Signature/Date



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