

Parent Pact



For a young person, getting their driving licence is a rite of passage, giving them much greater freedom and independence than ever before. *It is an exciting time.*

We don't want to spoil that enjoyment by encouraging you to be too protective or to suggest that you introduce various rules for the sake of it.

The fact remains, however, that around **one in five novice drivers will have a crash in their first 6 months of driving**. So taking sensible precautions to help minimise the risks in their first year of driving while they build up their knowledge and experience is a good thing to do.

We know from accident data where the dangers are and if you are able to work with your son or daughter to help minimise these risks, you will be doing them an immense favour.

As parents we have a lot more power and influence than we might think.

For example:

- ▶ **Are you assisting them with their tuition fees?**
- ▶ **Are they allowed to use the family car occasionally?**
- ▶ **Do you help them with any of their insurance/car maintenance costs?**
- ▶ **Are they still living at home?**

It's worth using some of this influence to help encourage them to take extra precautions during those early days after passing their test.

A 'Parents Pact' (attached) can be a way of introducing safer guidelines, and you are very welcome to download it and use it for this purpose.



New Driver Agreement

This agreement is made between

..... (driver)

and

..... (parent)

Date:

Agreement

I agree that I will do/ not do the following in my first year of driving:

- ▶ I will not carry more than one passenger at any time.
- ▶ I will keep to the speed limit for the road (or less if the road/weather conditions require it).
- ▶ I will switch off my mobile phone before I start to drive and will neither make nor receive calls without safely pulling over into an appropriate parking area.
- ▶ I will not drive the car on either Friday or Saturday evenings or at anytime between 12am and 6am.
- ▶ I will not drink any alcohol before driving.
- ▶ I will take no illegal substances before driving (or any prescription drugs which might impair my driving ability).

Signed (driver)

Signed (parent)