

# Automobile Responsibility Contract

## Vehicle User's Responsibility:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_, I recognize that new drivers have statistically earned a high risk of collision and I promise to do everything in my power to remain collision-free when driving the family vehicle.

I promise to:

- a) Use the YD Habits and Sub-Habits every time I drive.
- b) Always “maintain space” for an escape route, always use “effective seeing habits”, always give other drivers space and always drive proactively.
- c) Insist that all passengers wear their seatbelts while riding in our car.
- d) Avoid backing the vehicle, but if backing is unavoidable, back into driveways and other parking stalls in order to reduce the higher risk of backing out of these areas where visibility is limited and potential to hit another vehicle or child is greater.
- e) Always drive with the car's low beam headlights and rear lights turned on which can reduce the chance of collision by up to 20% during daylight hours.
- f) Never drink or take drugs and drive. If I am impaired I promise to come home with a friend who is not or take a taxi. (Remember that a variety of substances can cause impairment such as cold medications.)
- g) Maintain a no smoking policy and low radio volume policy in the car in order to reduce the possibility of distractions while I am gaining driving experience.
- h) If I am going to use a cell phone to place or receive calls, I'll pull well off the roadway to have a conversation.
- i) Restrict the number of occupants in the car to one or two.
- j) Pay for any costs arising from a collision including any increase in car insurance.
- k) Pay for gasoline used and to record the number of kilometres traveled in order to appreciate the costs of operating a car.
- l) \_\_\_\_\_
- m) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** This contract is provided by Young Drivers® in the interest of creating a dialog on the responsibilities of driving. There are simply too many collisions, too many deaths and we must discuss the problems if we are ever going to end the tragedies.

Peter Christianson  
President  
YOUNG DRIVERS® of Canada



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## Vehicle Owner's Responsibility:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_, I am/We are concerned about the number of new drivers involved in collisions. I/We realize that they are caused by other drivers who are impaired, by peer pressure and by poor driving habits.

I/We promise to:

- a) Provide the family car when needed and if available, but not without concern for your safety or financial stability of our family.\*
- b) Provide a safe vehicle for you to drive, with seatbelts operational.
- c) Provide you with taxi fare home whenever you feel that you or your friends have been drinking and are at risk of collision however slight. There will be no questions asked. I/We simply want you to get home safely. (There will be money in a predetermined place for times when I/We are not at home.)
- d) Understand when you are later than expected and prefer that you drive home safely and legally rather than risk a crash. Please call when you are able – I/We worry.
- e) Always drive with the car's low beam headlights and rear lights turned on which can reduce the chance of collision by up to 20% during daylight hours.
- f) Never drink and drive. If I/We have been drinking, I/We promise to come home with a friend who has not been drinking or take a taxi.
- g) Honestly listen to your suggestions on seatbelts, cell phone usage, daytime headlight usage and defensive driving as taught by YOUNG DRIVERS®.
- h) Review this contract with you on the first of every month to ensure its effectiveness.
- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- j) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Note:** The vehicle owner may be held responsible for damages over and above insurance coverage or in place of insurance coverage when impaired driving is involved.

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