



The Teen/Parent Driving Agreement

Teen Commitment

By signing this agreement, I agree to practice safe and responsible driving, including:

- Making sure every person in the vehicle, including myself, is properly restrained with seat belts before the vehicle moves from its parking space
- Maintaining a safe speed at all times
- Maintaining proper following distance (2–3 seconds and double that in adverse weather conditions)
- Obeying all traffic laws
- Refraining from driving aggressively
- Driving defensively, and otherwise maintaining full attention to the task of driving by keeping my eyes on the road
- Remaining courteous at all times and being respectful of other drivers and pedestrians
- Standing up for the safety of myself, my friends, and my passengers
- Never use cellphone for texting, email or social media while driving
- Never driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and not when I am too tired to drive
- Never getting in a vehicle with someone who has been drinking, using drugs or is too tired to drive
- Not letting my friends, relatives, or acquaintances drive after using alcohol, drugs or are too tired to drive

I am committed to requesting your help if:

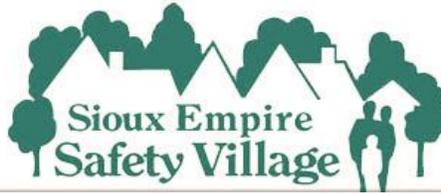
- I find myself under the influence of drugs or alcohol and I have the responsibility of driving a vehicle
- I find that the provider of my transportation is under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- My friends need safe transportation home

Parent/Guardian Commitment

As a parent or guardian for my teen, I agree to:

- Picking you up or arranging for you to be brought home safely, regardless of the situation or timing of your call
- Remaining calm and thanking you for being mature and responsible enough to call me if you need help, and not to discuss the situation until the next day if alcohol or drugs are involved
- Being available to arrange safe transportation for your friends should they be in a dangerous situation
- Always wearing my seat belt and obeying all traffic safety laws while driving, not only to be safe, but also to be a good role model
- Not driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or using my cellphone inappropriately thereby endangering myself and others

Teen Signature _____ Date _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____



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Education & Driving Simulator Program

Coming to your school!

Dear Parents,

The Sioux Empire Safety Village is excited to bring our Driving Simulator Education program to your school!

Over 12,000 people died in 2012 due to alcohol related crashes, that's 36% of all fatalities. Each day, more than 15 people are killed and more than 1,200 are injured in crashes that involved a distracted driver. These statistics have officials and parents looking for solutions to reduce those numbers. **PREVENTION through education and parent involvement is the KEY!**

The Safety Village simulators offer two different programs: one for impaired driving and one for distracted. The impaired program shows students what it is like to drive while impaired by alcohol. The distracted program shows various distractions and lets them use their own cell phone to text while they drive. But... driving is only the beginning of the experience. Showing the consequences is the important part of the video program. A police officer pulls them over, gives them a sobriety test and takes them to jail. A judge sentences them. They will also see the implications of their actions at a job interview. To extend the experience back to the classroom, printed educational materials are also included.

Here is where we need your help! Parent involvement is essential to reinforce the learning:

1) Incentives-

The students will receive an incentive for participating on the driving simulator. The incentives are either a Digi Clean (a removable cling used to clean a cell phone) or a silver car key chain. **Please encourage your student to keep them on their cellphone or keys.** Both incentives carry a safety message that we hope will act as your voice and speak to the children when you are not around:

- a. Digi Clean-"Stay Alive! Put down your phone & drive!"
- b. Key Chain-"Don't drink and drive!"

2) Educational Materials-

Student and teacher guides about impaired and distracted driving are also part of the program. **Ask your student about them and see what they have learned.**

3) Teen/Parent Agreement-

To cap off the learning experience, we encourage you to sit down with your child and discuss and **sign the safe and responsible driving agreement.**

If you have questions about the program, please contact your school.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe on the road!