

Driver's Name _____

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Parent or Guardian Signature

Establish Responsibilities:

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FOR DRIVING DRUNK**

This *StartSmart Guide for the Beginning Driver* is part of the Kansas Department of Transportation’s statewide “*No Excuse*” campaign, an alcohol awareness initiative developed to help prevent alcohol-related vehicle crashes and make driving a safe experience for everyone in Kansas.

**KANSAS Drunk Driving
Prevention OFFICE**

STARTSMART

A GUIDE FOR THE BEGINNING DRIVER

A Note to Teens and Parents: Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among teens. And, when alcohol is involved, the risk of being killed or injured increases greatly.

According to the 2004 Kansas high school student survey:

- 40% reported drinking alcohol, at least monthly.
- 14% reported driving while, or soon after, drinking alcohol.
- 23% reported riding with someone driving under the influence of alcohol.
- 37% reported their parents knowingly allowed them to attend a party where alcohol was served.
- 77% reported having discussed alcohol issues with their parents at least a few times.

Parents, your views matter to your teens. Never “bargain” by telling them it is okay to drink as long as they don’t do it while driving. The truth is, this kind of bargaining only increases the likelihood of the behavior you’re trying to discourage, like drinking and driving.

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Start Smart: Openly discuss your concerns regarding the serious responsibilities of becoming a young driver and the consequences of underage drinking.

Use the attached Driver Experience Log to record supervised behind-the-wheel practice time.

If you’d like more information or have any questions, please call the Kansas Drunk Driving Prevention Office toll free at 1-877-715-3377.

Know the Legal Implications: *The penalties for under-age drinking are tough: SB197, as amended by the Kansas legislature in 2004, states that “no person under 21 years of age shall possess, consume, obtain, purchase or attempt to obtain or purchase alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage except as authorized by law.” Violations will result in fines of \$200 or more and the suspension of driving privileges for 30 days to one year, with the possible addition of one or more of the following common penalties: 40 hours of court-ordered public service, satisfactory completion of an alcohol abuse program, parents ordered into counseling, monthly reporting to a diversion or probation officer, random urinalysis testing, and random visits by a probation officer. The penalties are also tough when one’s property is used in a manner that results in the possession or consumption therein of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages by persons under the age of 18. Penalties include fines ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 in addition to a possible confinement of up to six months in jail.*



Permit and License Requirements:

- When first applying for a license, the applicant must provide a certified birth certificate.
- Kansas Photo Instruction Permit**
- Must be 14 years of age. Parent or Guardian consent required for applicants under the age of 16.
- Vision and written test required.
- Instruction permit holder may drive at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age and older.
- To get a restricted license, you must have held a Kansas Photo Instruction Permit for at least six months.

- Farm Permit**
- Must be 14 years of age but less than 16.
- Parent or guardian consent required.
- Full test (vision, written and driver) or Driver’s Education completion slip required.
- Prior to age 16, applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old. If affidavit is not provided prior to age 16, the driver will remain restricted until age 17 or until affidavit is provided, whichever occurs first.
- Farm Permit holder may drive to and from school (not school activities) to, from or in connection with any farm related work, or at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age or older.

- Restricted Driver’s License (Class C or M)**
- Must be 15 years of age or older but less than 16.
- Parent or guardian consent required.
- Driver’s Education completion slip required.
- Required to have a Kansas Photo Instruction Permit for at least six months, during which time the licensee must have completed at least 25 hours of supervised driving. Additional 25 hours required prior to age 16. All 50 hours can be completed anytime after obtaining Instruction Permit.
- Prior to age 16, applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving with 10 of those hours being at night, by a licensed driver at least 21 years old. If affidavit is not provided prior to age 16, the driver will remain restricted until age 17 or until affidavit is provided, whichever occurs first.
- Restricted licensee may drive to and from school (not school activities) to, from or in connection with any employment or farm related work, or at any time when accompanied by a licensed adult driver 18 years of age or older.

- Non-Restricted Driver’s License (Class C or M) For 16 and 17 year olds**
- Full test (vision, written and driver) or Driver’s Education completion slip required.
- Applicant must provide affidavit showing at least 50 hours adult supervised driving with ten of those hours being at night by a licensed driver at least 21 years old.

- Miscellaneous Information**
- Any person under that age of 16 with a restricted license who is convicted of two or more moving violations will remain restricted until age 17.
- Any licensee issued a Farm Permit or Restricted License may not transport non-sibling minor passengers. Any conviction for this is considered a moving violation.

**STARTSMART
DRIVING
EXPERIENCE
LOG**

Driving a motor vehicle is one of the most awesome responsibilities anyone assumes during his or her lifetime.

How seriously you accept this responsibility has the potential to affect not only your life and safety, but also the life and safety of others.

Understanding the rules of the road and practicing safe driving habits are vitally important steps for all drivers.

For experienced drivers and/or parents/guardians of a teen driver, it is your responsibility to:

- ☐ Be a positive role model for safe driving practices.
- ☐ Supervise your teen’s driving time. Spend lots of time in the car with your teen behind the wheel—not only for the required 50 supervised hours, but also throughout the first year of driving.
- ☐ Establish reasonable rules and appropriate consequences for violating them.

For teen drivers, it is your responsibility to:

- ☐ Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or ride with anyone who does.
- ☐ Always wear a safety belt and require all passengers to do the same.
- ☐ Let your family know where you are going and when you will return.
- ☐ Personally pay for any traffic ticket you receive.
- ☐ Help maintain and clean the family car.

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