

Free Ride Contract

Some Things In Life Are Free

Split second decisions are sometimes made based upon the emotions of the moment regardless of how potentially dangerous the outcome may be. As parents we do understand how that can happen. The result of signing this Free Ride Contract between Parent and Child is:

- A safe and sober ride home.
- An upfront discussion about how to handle yourself when faced with being in a situation involving alcohol, drugs, peer pressure and destructive behavior.

Student

I understand the dangers associated with the use of alcohol and drugs and the destructive behaviors that can happen as a result of impairment. Your trust in me is important. When making decisions about my health, safety and well-being, I will keep this in mind.

By signing this contract:

- If I find myself in a situation that is not safe due to my impairment or that of others, or due to the destructive behaviors of others – I will call you.
- I understand this is a safety net to help me and should not be looked at as permit to create a permanent solution.

Signature Line: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

I am concerned about your well being and having an honest and open line of communication between us. I will do everything in my power to understand the difficult decisions you face.

By signing this contract:

- I will provide safe sober transportation if you are ever faced with a situation that threatens your safety.
- I will defer discussion about the situation until we are both able to discuss the issues in a rational and calm manner.

Signature Line: _____ Date: _____

As teens, you are faced with making tough decisions throughout the day. As parents you are faced with the concern that your teen will make the right choice. We wanted to provide teens and parents with a tool that puts them on neutral ground when making what could be life-altering decisions. The hope is that this contract will be discussed and signed. The reality is that as a teen, you may someday have to make this call. Making the call and knowing that this agreement is in place may help you to make the right decision.

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