



## Parent and Guardian Driving PLEDGE: For Our Children

As a parent, relative or guardian, I will remain open to new knowledge and information available regarding safe driving practices. It will help to better prepare me and protect children in the fight against distracted and unsafe driving. This PLEDGE is a commitment to this goal:

1. Distracted driving choices and behaviors are the leading cause of 97% of vehicle collisions and crashes on American's roads. **I PLEDGE** to reinforce this fact with children and drivers of all ages.
2. **I PLEDGE** to never drive distracted, but more so when children are in my vehicle, as I am aware they are observing my driving habits.
3. **I PLEDGE** to focus on eliminating distracted driving choices and behaviors include but not limited to: fatigued driving, impatience while driving, reckless driving, eating and drinking while driving, ignoring speed limits, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not using seatbelts, use of smartphones, tailgating, red light running, rolling stops, and not using turn signals.
4. I realize my child will start paying attention to my driving as soon as I turn their child safety seat around to face the front, and **I PLEDGE** to drive accordingly.
5. **I PLEDGE** to stow my phone safely away while driving and will only accept calls, text messages or email messages when safely parked.
6. I understand that It is unreasonable to expect a time-constrained driver education system to re-educate my children from distracted behavior they have witnessed. **I PLEDGE** to be mindful of this while I drive with children in my car.
7. **I PLEDGE** that I will educate my child to make phone calls before driving or from a safe location while parked, and to allow voicemail to collect messages for retrieval when their trip is complete and they are parked.
8. **I PLEDGE** to always wear my seat belts when driving. I will also make sure that every other person traveling in my vehicle wears a seat belt.
9. Driving will be the most dangerous thing my child does on a daily basis, with the potential to kill or seriously injure, and **I PLEDGE** to reinforce this aspect frequently.
10. **I PLEDGE** to share these values and practices with my spouse, children, extended family, friends, co-workers and everyone I value.

Because I have read and understood the 10 points above: **I PLEDGE** to never drive distracted and to make the safest possible driving choices at ALL times; especially when children are in my vehicle. **I PLEDGE** to be part of the solution to this tragic problem.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_ Dated, \_\_\_\_\_