

# PACT

Young people move in life while heavily influenced by the “group” dynamic, or social norms of their day. The “peer influence” factor is huge. In order to move the teen driving safety factors into greater success, we will have to move them in groups, not just as individuals. **PACT** will do that through agreements or “contracts” between at least three students, to make strong commitments for supporting each other in driving and passenger safety practices. These agreements will be further strengthened by having young people present the document to their parents and older siblings for signature, to create more of a family bond and commitment. It will be a **PACT** for raising the community standards.

## Peer Agreements for Community Transformation (**PACT**)

Young people need to be empowered at a much higher level in our communities. They must “own” their future and be allowed to manage the improvement of social conditions, not just deliver opinions or participate in random discussions. The **PACT** project will stimulate new opportunities for that development, where students will begin building stronger movement among their friends and advance that into the community, where all citizens will be challenged to join in higher standards. Young people don’t live in . They don’t generally make policy or dictate laws. But they do exert substantial influence when they join together. We believe that their power to change is enormous and is not being utilized enough to create a safer world. Their power to choose greater health and safety practices is proven, when they are and . **PACT** will combine all-school kick-off events, classroom discussions, weekly campaigns, community challenge events and the development of family contracts to stimulate widespread movement of safety practices. Young people will take the lead. They will form .

# Peer Agreements for Community Transformation (PACT)

## OUR PLEDGE

We, the following, agree to support each other in a total commitment to health and safety, by agreeing to reject the use of drugs and maintain all good safety practices as a passenger and driver.

We realize that injuries and deaths from car crashes and alcohol-related situations are the leading causes of death for American teens.

We realize that a stronger commitment comes from teams of people who are willing to lead and set the standard for others.

We also agree that gaining the support of our parents will help change the social norms in our town for the better.

We agree to form a team and help each other remain faithful to this pledge...and encourage others to join us...this is our **PACT**.

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