

When I was very young, I experienced something that made me realize how important safe driving is. One night, my dad was driving with me and my younger sister in the car when he hit another vehicle. The police arrived, and that was when they discovered he had been drinking and driving. At the time, I didn't fully understand what was happening, but I do remember the fear. The sudden impact of the crash, the flashing police lights, and the confusion of the moment left a lasting impression on me. As I got older and understood the situation better, I realized how dangerous and irresponsible drinking and driving is. That night could have ended much worse, and it was a moment that shaped my perspective on driving forever. Because of this, I pledge never to drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or anything else that could impair my judgment. I have seen the consequences of reckless choices behind the wheel, and I refuse to put myself or others in danger. If I ever find myself in a situation where I am unable to drive safely, I will call a friend, family member, or rideshare service. No destination is worth risking a life.

In addition to avoiding impaired driving, I promise to follow traffic laws and practice defensive driving. I will obey speed limits, stop at red lights and stop signs, and remain alert to my surroundings. I also pledge to avoid distractions like texting, eating, or adjusting the radio while driving. A few seconds of inattention can lead to an accident, and I will always prioritize safety over convenience. Beyond my personal commitment, I want to promote safe driving in my community. I will speak out against drunk driving and encourage my friends and family to make responsible choices. If I ever see someone attempting to drive while impaired, I will step in and help them find a safer option. I will also remind my peers to wear their seatbelts, put their phones away, and stay focused behind the wheel. I also plan to use social media and everyday conversations to spread awareness about the dangers of reckless driving. By sharing my personal experience and the lessons I've learned, I hope to encourage others to make better

choices. If my story prevents even one accident or saves one life, then I will have made a difference.

Driving is a privilege, and it comes with the responsibility of keeping ourselves and others safe. My personal experience has shown me how quickly things can go wrong when that responsibility is not taken seriously. Because of this, I pledge to always be a safe, cautious, and responsible driver. I will do everything I can to promote safe driving in my community, ensuring that our roads are as safe as possible for everyone.