

# STREET SMARTS

## DRIVING TIPS

Driving a car is a huge responsibility that requires adherence to all safety rules and regulations at all times. The consequences if you don't can be life-changing.

Driver behavior accounts for 80% of all Pennsylvania crashes, with one person being killed in a crash every six hours within the state. Visit [drivesafepa.org](http://drivesafepa.org) for more information.

When you're behind the wheel, pay attention, be courteous and rely on these basic driving smarts to stay safe.

## SAFETY DRIVEN

- ▶ Wear a **seatbelt** at all times, and properly restrain children in a car or booster seat.
- ▶ **Share the road** with bicyclists and pedestrians, and be especially vigilant at intersections and crosswalks.
- ▶ Avoid **aggressive driving** and unsafe maneuvering.
- ▶ **Never** drink and drive.
- ▶ Obey all signs and signals, including speed limit signs, red lights and stop signs.
- ▶ **Keep your eyes on the road** and don't become distracted with activities like eating, smoking, grooming, adjusting the radio, reading and writing.
- ▶ Don't email, text or talk on a cell phone.
- ▶ Stay a **safe distance** from the car in front of you; avoid tailgating.

- ▶ Pull over to a safe, well-lit place if you start to feel drowsy.
- ▶ Reduce your speed and be extra alert while in active **work zones**.
- ▶ Make eye contact with others on the road so they know your intention.
- ▶ **Call 511**, Pennsylvania's traveler information number, for details on local weather, road conditions and more.

## ON THE MARK

A safe driver understands and follows the markings on the road, such as **double yellow lines** (do not pass), **broken yellow lines** (okay to pass if safe) and **solid white lines** (stay in lane). Here are some other common markings.



### Bus Lane

Cars not permitted.



### Shared Lane

Motorists must share the lane with cyclists.



### Bike Lane

Cars not permitted.



### Pedestrian Crossing

Pedestrians have the right of way.

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