

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 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.

For more comprehensive information and resources, visit commuteinfo.org

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DONT BE A **ROAD ZOMBIE**

*Help keep others safe while also helping the environment.
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