

General Safety Tips

Driving in Florida

- ◆ Drive on the right side of the road.
- ◆ Keep your driver license, proof of insurance, registration or car rental documents with you at all times.
- ◆ Speed restrictions are strictly enforced.
- ◆ Turn on your wipers and head lights (not your hazard lights) when it rains.
- ◆ If you are stopped by law enforcement, remain in the car and let the officer come to you, unless directed otherwise by the officer.

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

- ◆ In Florida you must be 21 years of age to purchase, consume or possess alcohol.
- ◆ Open containers of alcoholic beverages are not allowed within vehicles in Florida.
- ◆ Drivers with a .08 blood alcohol level (BAL) or higher are presumed to be impaired.
- ◆ Fines can range from \$300 up to \$1000 for a first offense. (These fines do not include possible court costs.)
- ◆ Offenders will be given 50 hours of community service.
- ◆ Probation will be for no more than one year.
- ◆ Any person convicted of DUI shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 6 months for a first conviction.
- ◆ Vehicles will be impounded for 10 days.
- ◆ The offender's driver license will be revoked for at least 6 months.

- ◆ It is unlawful for persons under the age of 21 to have a .02 BAL and to drive or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.
- ◆ Drivers under the age of 18 with a .02 BAL may be taken to an addictions receiving facility.



Distracted Driving

Potential Distractions include:

- ◆ Cell phone use, including texting
- ◆ Eating or drinking
- ◆ Other people, inside or outside the vehicle
- ◆ Outside traffic or other vehicles
- ◆ Adjusting radio/cd player/other devices
- ◆ Smoking

Please avoid these distractions!

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Move Over Law for Emergency Vehicles



www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/misc/MoveOver.htm

- ◆ When approaching emergency vehicles with emergency lights on, motorists are required to move over one lane away from the emergency vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so. Move Over, It's the Law!
- ◆ On a two-lane road, drivers must reduce speed by 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.
- ◆ If a driver cannot move over safely, the driver must reduce their speed by 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.



If a Law Enforcement Officer pulls you over

- ◆ Slowly and carefully pull off the road.
- ◆ At night, turn on your interior lights or stop in a well lit area.
- ◆ Remain in your vehicle unless asked to do otherwise.
- ◆ If you are pulled over by an unmarked law enforcement vehicle, call 911 to verify.

Work Zone

- ◆ Stay alert! Be patient.
- ◆ Pay close attention to changes in traffic patterns and speed limits.
- ◆ Turn on your headlights.
- ◆ Pay attention to construction workers.
- ◆ Keep up with the traffic flow.
- ◆ Don't change lanes in a work zone.
- ◆ Expect the unexpected!
- ◆ Speeding fines are doubled in work zones when workers are present.



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Aggressive Drivers

- ◆ Do not engage them.
- ◆ Get out of the way.
- ◆ Avoid eye contact.
- ◆ Don't gesture.
- ◆ Report serious aggressive driving to law enforcement by calling *FHP.



Wet Brakes

- ◆ Pump brakes lightly after driving through water.
- ◆ Be prepared - brakes may pull to one side or may not hold at all.
- ◆ Dry the brakes by driving slowly in a low gear and applying the brakes lightly.

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What You Should Know About Aging and Driving:

- ◆ Know the traffic rules and signs.
- ◆ Avoid risky drive times.
- ◆ Find a safe way to your destination.
- ◆ Take a driver refresher course.
- ◆ Drive a safe car.
- ◆ Have your hearing and vision checked annually.



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Tire Blowout

- ◆ Don't use the brakes.
- ◆ Concentrate on steering.
- ◆ Reduce speed slowly.
- ◆ Brake lightly after the car is under control.
- ◆ Pull off the roadway at a safe speed.



Handling Emergencies/Breakdowns

- ◆ Move the vehicle entirely off the road, if possible.
- ◆ Get all passengers out of and away from vehicle to a safe area.
- ◆ Turn on the vehicle's emergency flashers.
- ◆ Raise the hood of vehicle.
- ◆ Call *FHP for assistance.

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Driving in Fog

- ◆ Drive with the head lights on.
- ◆ Do NOT use the high beams.
- ◆ Slow down and use caution.
- ◆ Use wipers and defrosters to maximize your visibility.
- ◆ Use the right edge of road or road markings as a guide.



Submerging Motor Vehicles

Manual Windows

- ◆ After a crash, regain control, stay calm and don't panic.
- ◆ Unbuckle your seat belt and any passenger's.
- ◆ Roll down the manual window and swim to safety.

Electric Windows

- ◆ Wait until the vehicle is almost flooded and take a deep breath.
- ◆ Use a heavy object in the vehicle to break out the bottom of a side or a back window (not the windshield).
- ◆ Push the glass outward and swim to safety.