



Coloring and Activity Book



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FLORIDA HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES



Message from the Colonel

OF THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL



Hi Kids,

You may have seen the black and tan Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Trooper cars on the road, at your school, or you may even know a Trooper! These men and women travel Florida roadways daily to make sure you, your parents, and your friends drive safe and **Arrive Alive** at all your destinations.

Troopers are here to be a safe and friendly reminder for you to buckle up in the car, wear your helmet on your bike, and don't distract your bus driver or the adult in the car while they are driving. Troopers are superheroes, and they make it their mission to be Champions for Safety.

Do you remind your brothers and sisters to look both ways when crossing the street? Do you listen to your parents and pick up your toys from the driveway? Are you respectful to your teachers? Are you a leader to your friends by wearing your helmet? Do you follow the rules at the bus stop?

If you said yes to anything above, then you are a Champion for Safety!

This book is designed to help you and your parents learn all the information you need to earn your Champion for Safety badge. Pass what you learn along to your siblings, mom, dad, teachers, and friends at school, so they can be safe, too!

Your Friend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Spaulding".

FHP Colonel Gene S. Spaulding





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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - *CHILD SAFETY TIPS*



Bicycle Safety for Parents and Children

- Make sure all equipment on the bicycle works.
- All bicycle riders and passengers under age 16 are required by Florida law to wear a helmet. Always wear a properly fitted helmet and securely fasten the strap.
- Be seen. Wear neon or fluorescent or bright colors when riding and wear something that reflects light.
- Do not wear headphones so that you can hear the traffic and pedestrians around you. Never text and ride.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic and stay as far to the right as possible. Use bike lanes whenever you can.
- Obey all traffic laws, including signs, signals and lane markings, when riding on the roadway.
- Cross at intersections and never pull out into the roadway from between parked cars.
- If riding on the sidewalk or in a crosswalk, yield to pedestrians and give them an audible signal (such as, "passing on your left") before passing them.

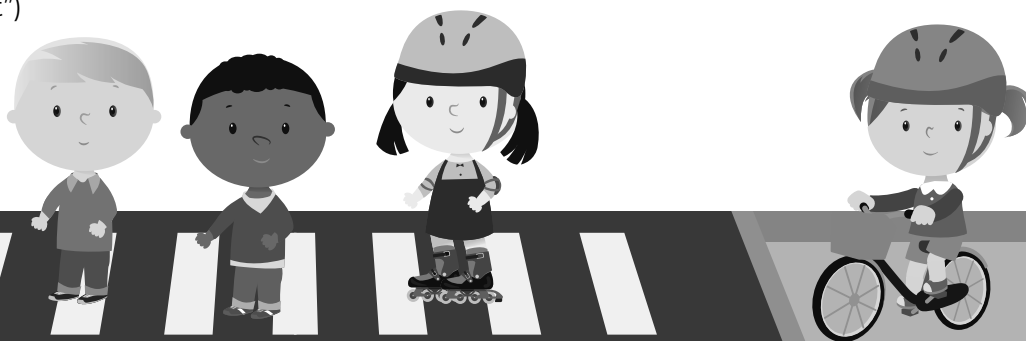
CHILD SAFETY TIPS

Bicycle Safety for Motorists

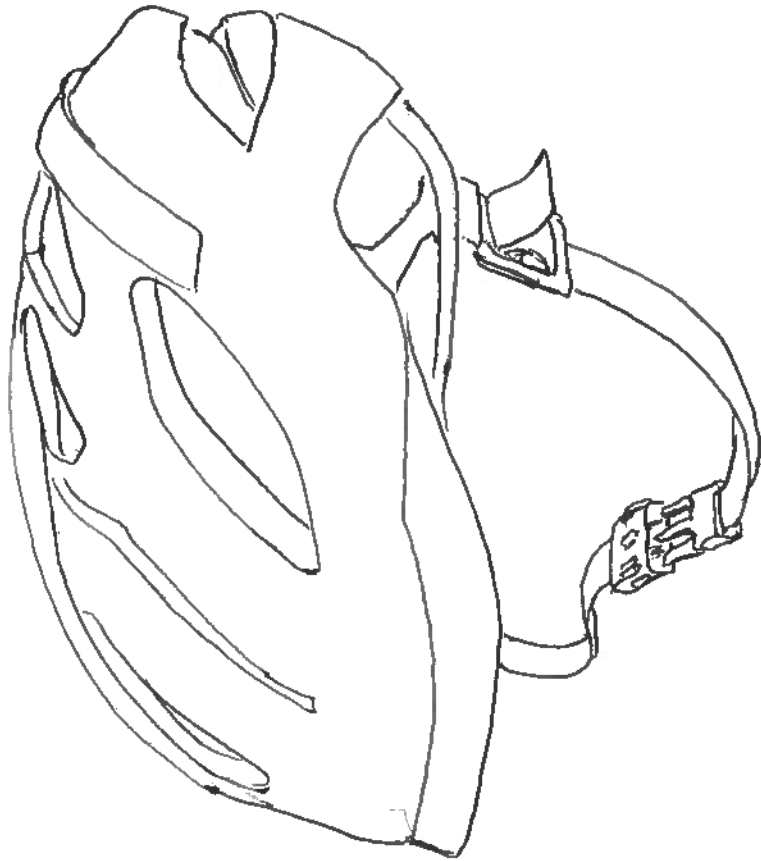
- Drivers **MUST** give bicyclists a minimum of three feet of clearance when driving alongside or passing them.
- When turning, yield to any bicyclist in the bike lane and make your turn behind the cyclist.

Pedestrian Safety for Parents and Children

- Always walk on the sidewalk if there is one. If no sidewalks are present, walk against the direction of traffic so that you can see oncoming vehicles.
- Always cross the roadway where pedestrians are expected, at corners or in crosswalks. Always watch for traffic when crossing the street.
- Never enter the street from between parked cars. If crossing mid-block cannot be avoided, pedestrians must yield the right of way to vehicles on the roadway.
- Wear bright, reflective colors on clothes, shoes, hats and wristbands. Carry a flashlight when walking at night.
- Pay attention. Avoid wearing headphones so that you can hear the traffic and pedestrians around you. Never text or look at your cell phone when crossing the street.
- Obey pedestrian signs and signals. Yield the right of way to vehicles if the crosswalk signal is red or "Don't Walk."



WEAR YOUR HELMET








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BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

-  When riding, always wear a helmet that fits your head. Don't forget to fasten the chin strap!
-  Make sure that drivers can see you! Wear bright colors and something that reflects light (like reflective tape on helmet or shoes).
-  When you're walking or riding your bike, you should always cross at intersections, never between parked cars. Look left-right-left before crossing a road.
-  Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.
-  Pay attention! Never ride or walk with headphones that keep you from hearing traffic.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to reveal a few key safety terms!

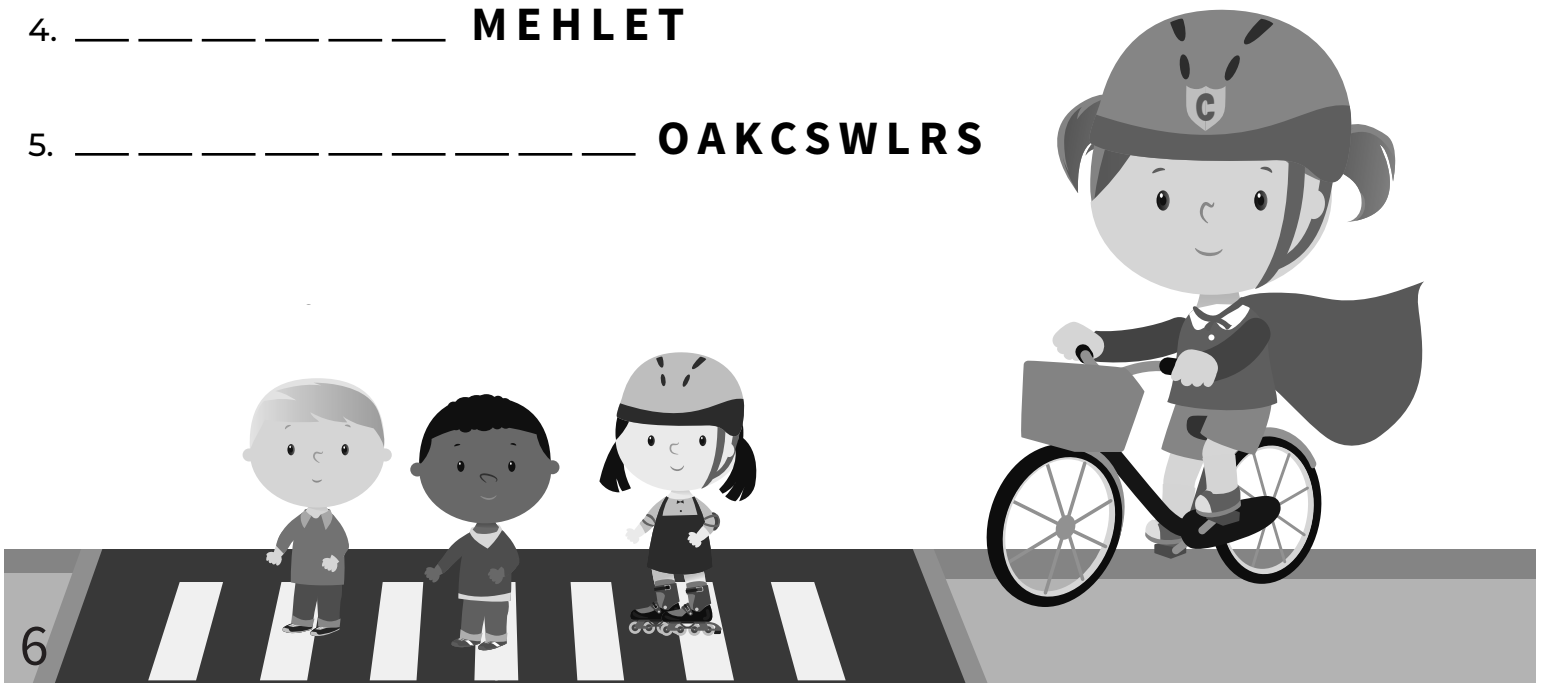
1. _____ **VRAERI LEVAI**

2. _____ **OKLO CEWTI**

3. _____ **YLCIEBC**

4. _____ **MEHLET**

5. _____ **OAKCSWLRS**



CHECK ALL OF YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR SAFETY BELOW:



☐ HELMET

☐ REFLECTOR &
LIGHT

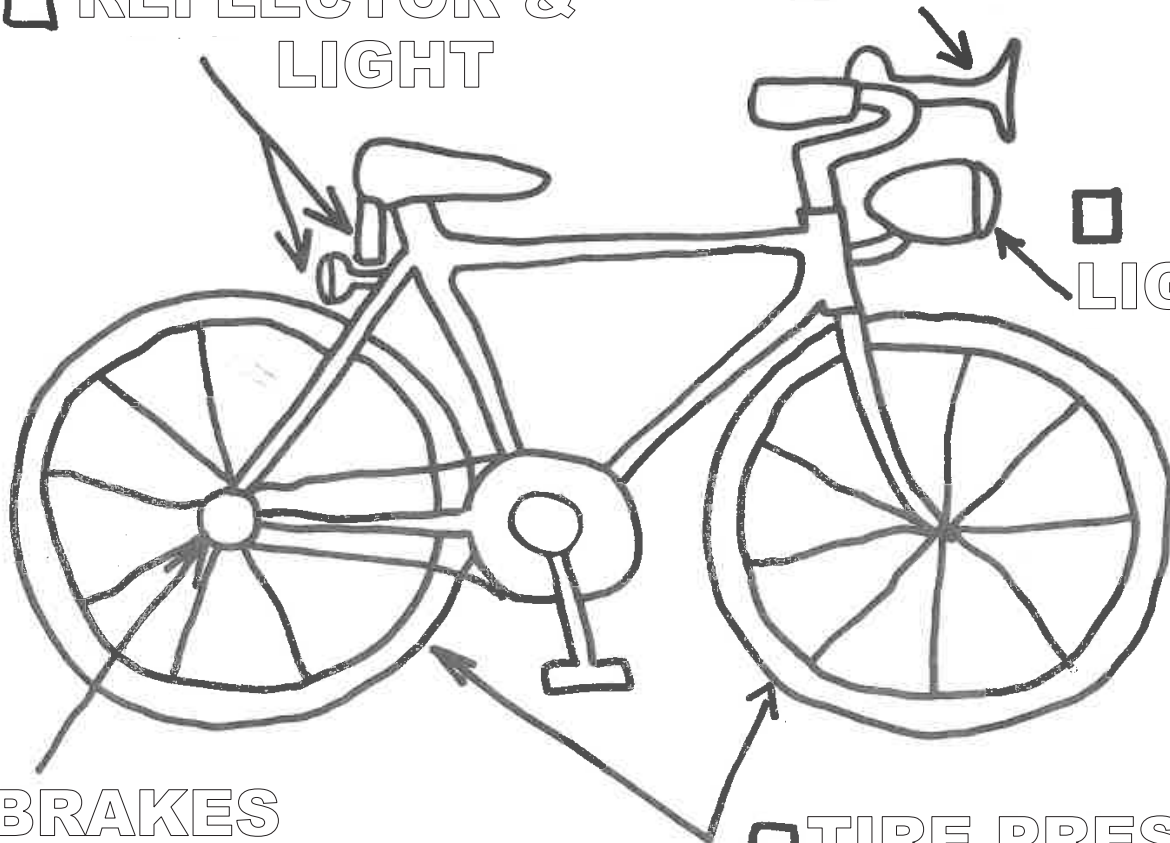
☐ HORN

☐ LIGHT

☐ BRAKES

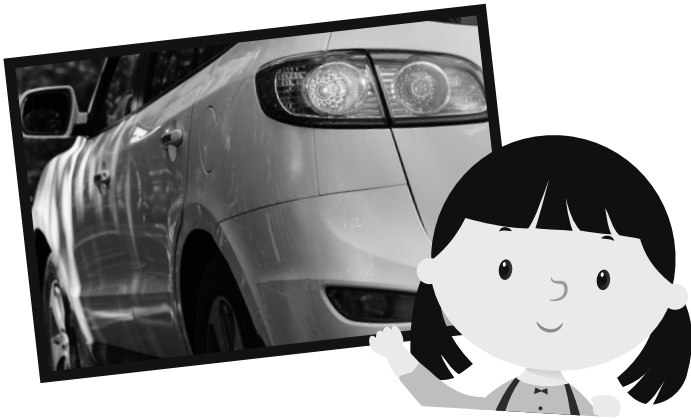
☐ TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS

☐ TIRE PRESSURE



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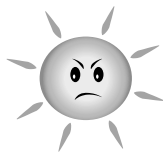
CAR & DRIVEWAY SAFETY - CHILD SAFETY TIPS



Heatstroke Prevention

Never Leave Children in a Car

- Keep vehicles in driveways or garages locked and store keys out of children's reach to avoid children becoming trapped in a vehicle.
- When getting out of your vehicle, check to make sure all children are out of the vehicle and accounted for. Put a purse or other important item in the backseat with your child as a reminder.
- Never leave a child unattended or unsupervised in a motor vehicle. It is extremely hot, especially in Florida, and can result in the child's injury or death.
- Florida law states that children under six should never be left in a motor vehicle for longer than 15 minutes, or for any period of time if the motor is running, the health of the child is in danger or if the child appears to be in distress. A violation of this law is a second degree misdemeanor and can result in a fine of up to \$500. If a child is injured, the violation becomes a third degree felony.



Driveway Safety

- Teach children to never play in, on, around, or under vehicles. Keep toys or bicycles off the driveway.
- Designate safe play areas for your children that are off the driveway and away from vehicles.
- If children play in the driveway, have an adult supervise at all times.
- Keep vehicles in driveways or garages locked and store keys out of children's reach to avoid children getting in a vehicle and turning it on or becoming trapped.
- When backing out of the driveway or parked spot:
 - Walk around your vehicle to check for children playing and make sure all children are safe and accounted for.
 - Turn off your radio and roll down windows to listen for children or pedestrians.
 - Know your vehicle's blind spots and look again before backing up. Check your rearview and side mirrors.
 - Look both ways and watch for children or pedestrians especially in school zones and residential areas.
- Florida law states that the driver of a vehicle shall not back up unless such movement can be made with safety and without interfering with other traffic. Take a second look if you have any doubt!



NAME YOUR K-9



*Illustration by Caitlyn Mills wife of Trooper Scott Mills
Troop G • St. Augustine, FL*

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CAR & DRIVEWAY SAFETY

-  Never play in parked vehicles. It can quickly get very hot inside of a vehicle, especially in the summer. Stay safe, and stay out of cars without an adult.
-  Never play under or around parked vehicles. A driver might not see or hear you when they start the engine and begin driving.
-  Never start a vehicle! Only people with a driver license should operate a vehicle.
-  Keep your toys and bicycles off the driveway and away from behind a vehicle.

Safety Picture Find

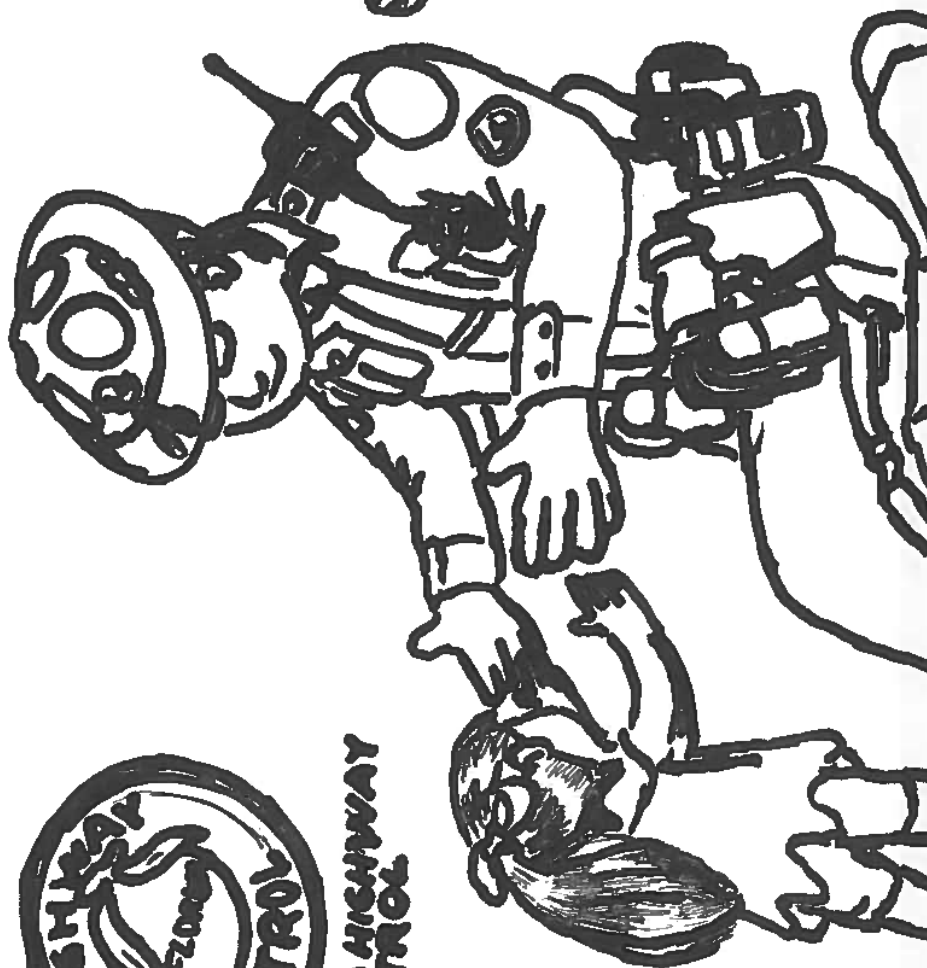
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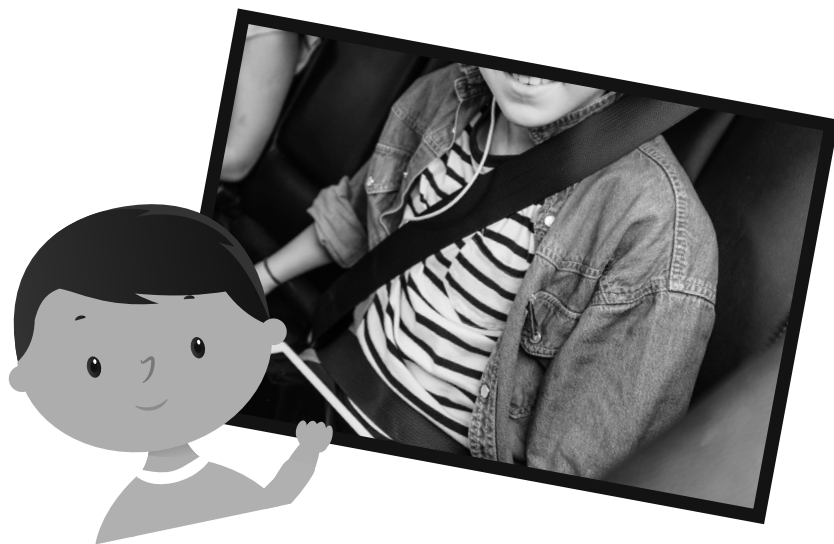
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SAFETY BELT & CHILD RESTRAINTS - *CHILD SAFETY TIPS*



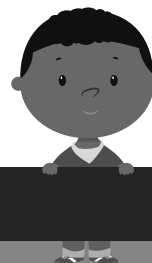
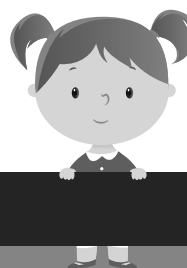
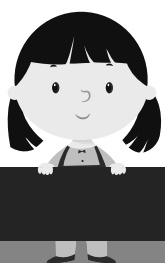
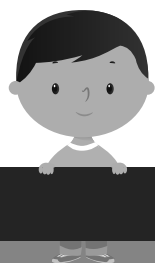
Safety Belts

- Florida law requires the use of seat belts or child restraint devices by drivers of motor vehicles, all front seat passengers and all children riding in a vehicle under 18.
- Florida's safety belt law is a primary enforcement law, meaning that an officer can stop a vehicle and issue a citation simply for observing a safety belt or restraint violation.
- Children should be in the rear seats until at least age 12, since deployed front seat air bags can be dangerous to children.

Child Restraints

Car Seats and Booster Seats

- Florida law requires children age 5 and under to be secured properly in a crash tested, federally approved child restraint device.
- Children ages 0 to 3 must be in child restraint devices of a separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child seat.
- Children age 4 and 5 must be in a separate carrier, integrated child seat or booster seat.
- The best child seat is one that fits your child, fits your car and is used correctly every time.
- Read the car seat's instruction manual and the portion of your vehicle's owner manual when you install a car seat.
- Remember to check for car seat and booster seat recalls.
- You can visit a local FHP station to ask a certified trooper to help you install your seat. Call your local FHP troop to set up an appointment.









ALWAYS
BUCKLE UP

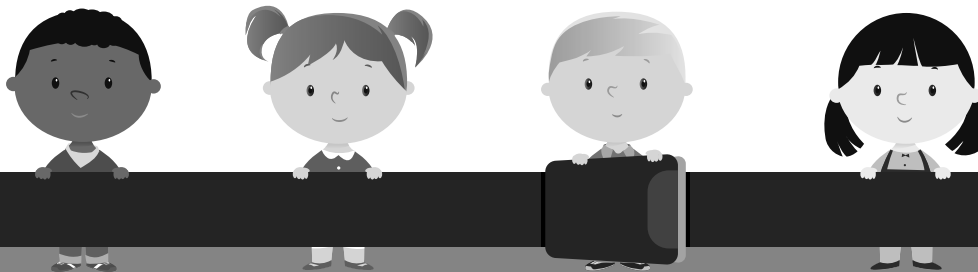
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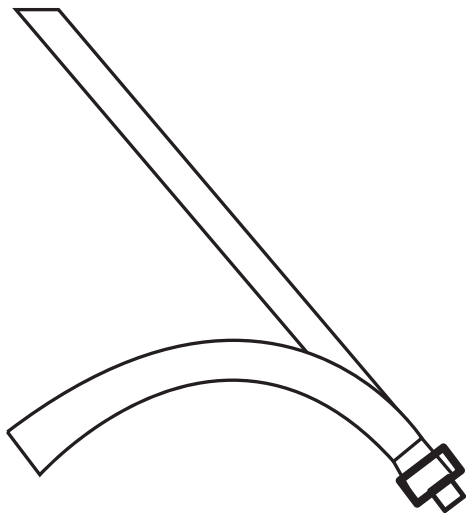
BE A SAFE PASSENGER

-  Always buckle your seat belt.
-  Ride sitting properly in the seat, facing forward.
-  Don't distract the driver. Use an "inside" voice and turn the volume down on games and videos.
-  Be another set of eyes for the driver and watch for dangerous tragic situations.

License Plate Safari

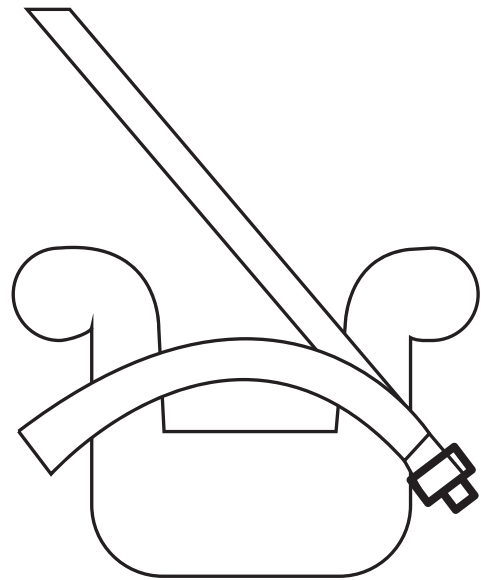
See how many different state license plates you can find on a trip or around town!





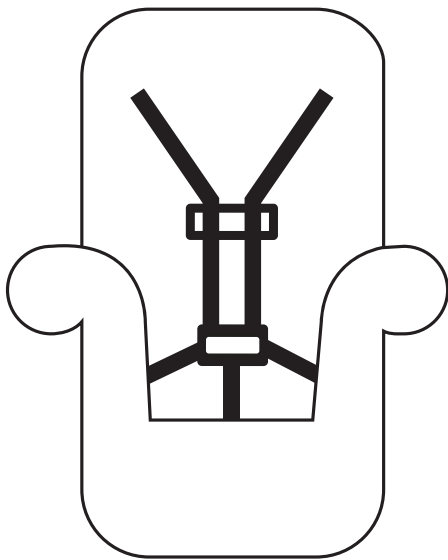
SEAT BELT

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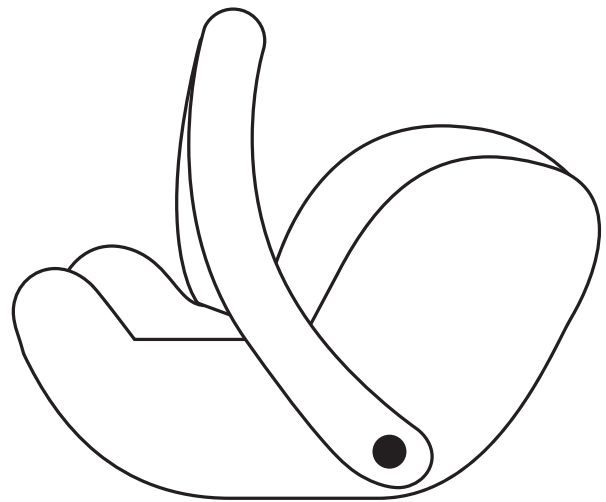
BOOSTER SEAT

(4 - 12 years)



FORWARD FACING CAR SEAT

(1 - 7 years)



REAR FACING CAR SEAT

(0 - 3 years)

To set an appointment at a local FHP station and have a certified Trooper help inspect a seat, visit: flhsmv.gov/safety

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SCHOOL BUS & SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



NEW LAW

As of January 1, 2021, the penalties for failure to stop for a school bus double. The penalty for failure to stop for a school bus goes from \$100 to \$200 and if a second offense is committed in 5 years, the person's license will be suspended for up to 1 year. The penalty for passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop signal goes from \$200 to \$400 and if a second offense is committed in 5 years, the person's license can be suspended up to 2 years.

School Bus: *Safety for Motorists*

- All drivers moving in either direction on a two-way street must stop for a school bus displaying a stop signal and must remain stopped until the road is clear of children AND the school bus stop arm is withdrawn.
- On a highway divided by a paved median, all drivers moving in either direction must stop for a school bus displaying a stop signal and must remain stopped until the road is clear of children AND the school bus stop arm is withdrawn.
- On a highway divided by a raised barrier or an unpaved median at least five feet wide, drivers moving in the opposite direction do not have to stop for the bus. Painted lines or pavement markings are not considered barriers. However, motorists should slow down and watch for students loading or unloading from the bus.
- The Wireless Communications While Driving Law prohibits the use of a device in a handheld manner while driving in a designated school crossing, school zone or active work zone area. Penalties include a base \$60 fine, not including court costs or other fees, and 3 points assessed against the driver license.

School Zone: *Safety for Motorists*

- Be alert and watch for children especially near schools, bus stops, school buses and in school parking lots.
- Children on bicycles can be unpredictable and can make sudden changes in direction. Be especially careful when children are present in school zones and residential areas.
- It can wait. Put it down and stay hands-free in school zones so you can focus on driving.
- Only drive or park in authorized areas to drop off or pick up children at school.
- Pay extra attention to the lower speed limits in school zones.
- Watch for and obey signals from school crossing guards.








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AT THE BUS STOP / ON THE BUS

-  Never sit on the road or curb. Take five giant steps away from the road and safely wait for the bus.
-  When the bus stops, wait for the driver to tell you that it is safe to board the bus. Look left-right-left before crossing the street.
-  Never speak to strangers at the bus stop or get into a car with a stranger. Always tell the bus driver, a teacher and your parents if a stranger tries to talk to you or pick you up.
-  Use an “inside” voice and always listen to the driver.
-  Sit properly in the seat facing the front of the bus.

School Bus Safety Word Search

Find the safety words below:

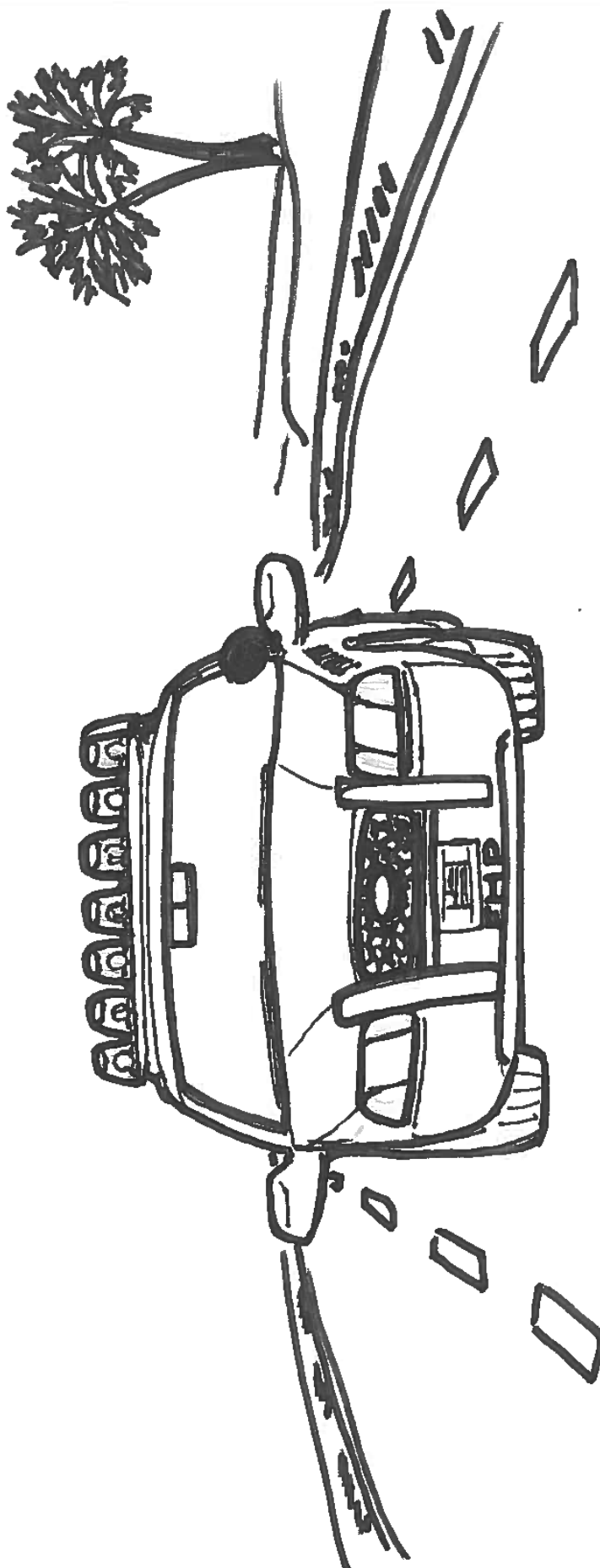
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- SAFE • SCHOOL • STOP • SEAT •
- OBEY • WHEELS • YELLOW •

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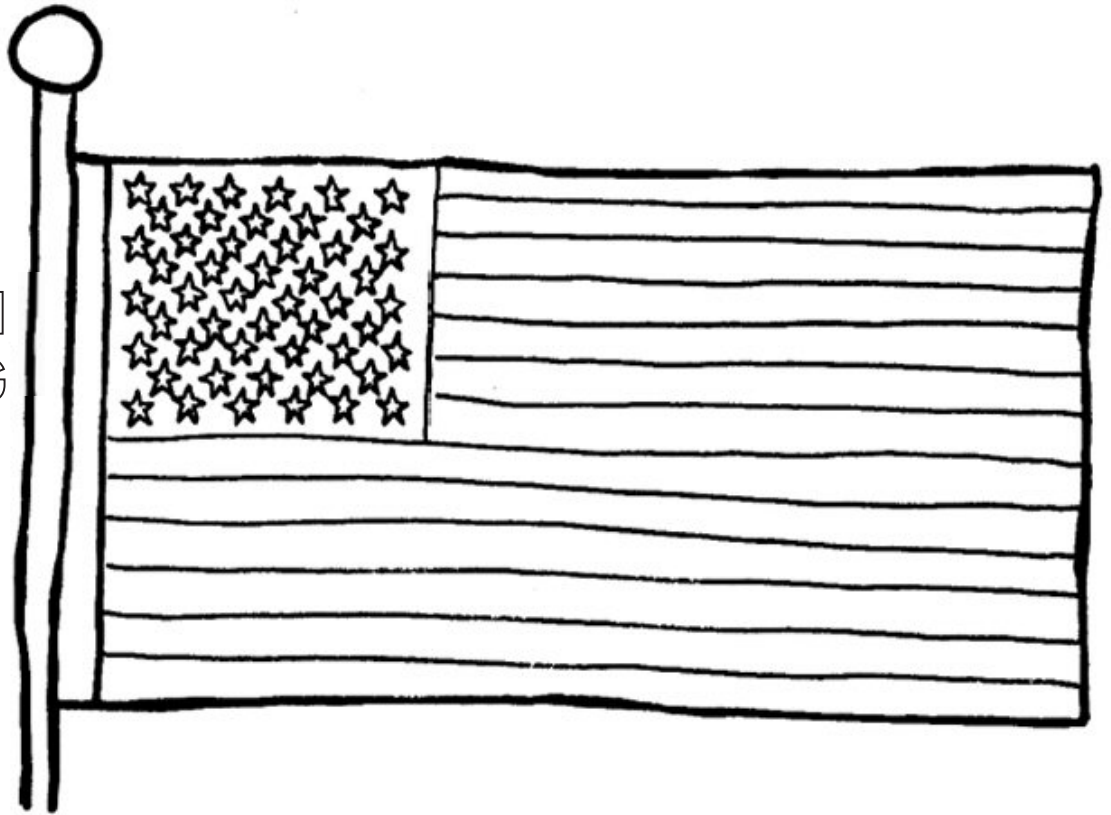


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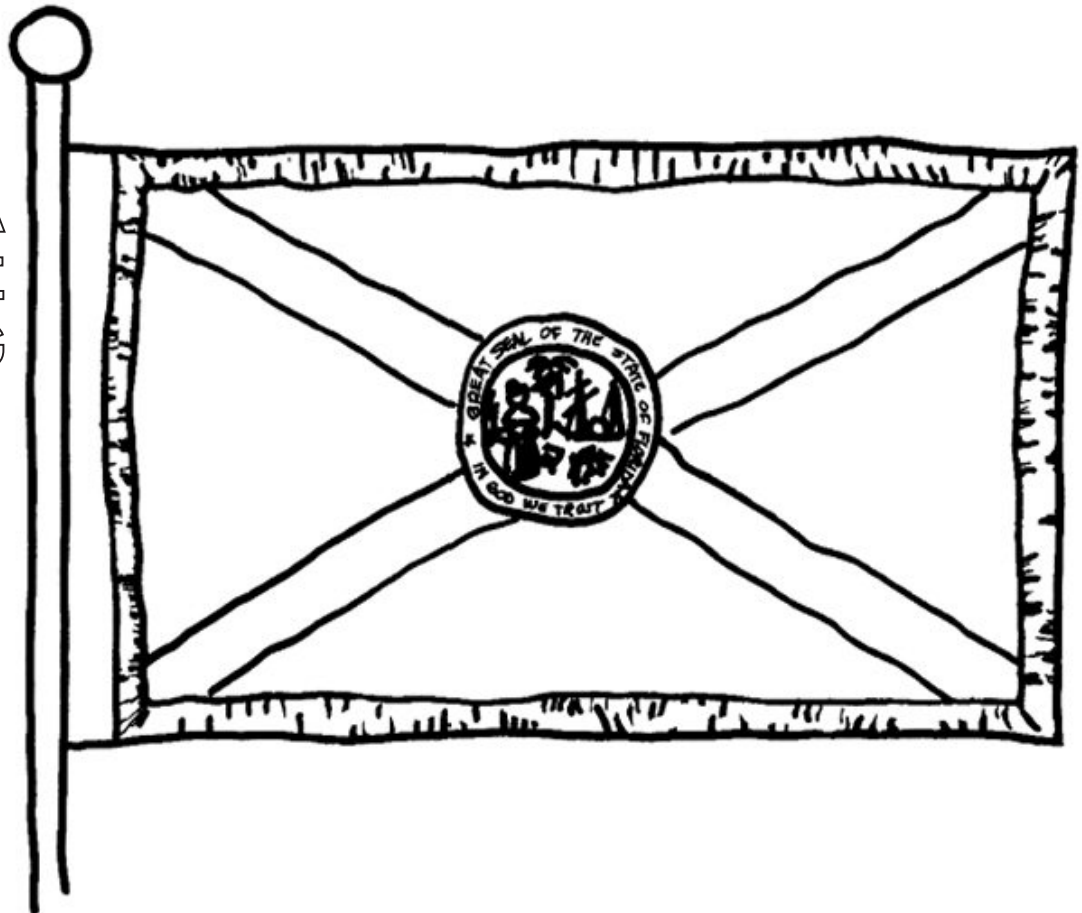


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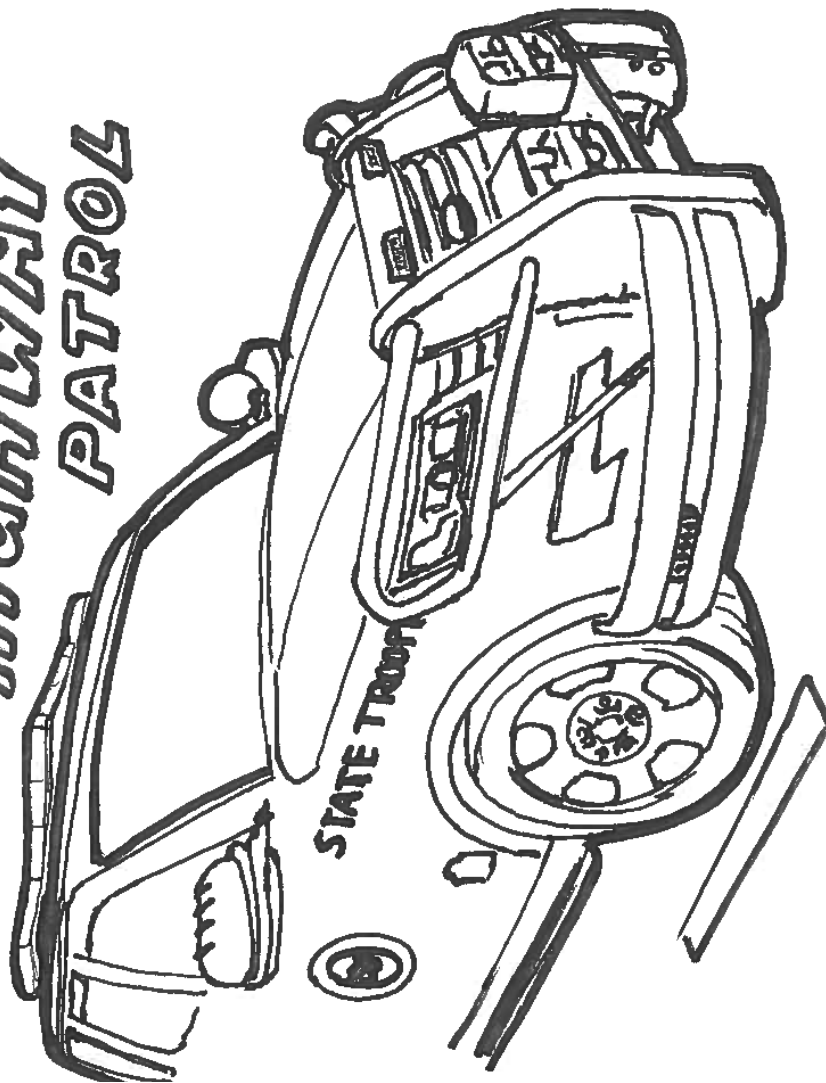
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Buckle Up

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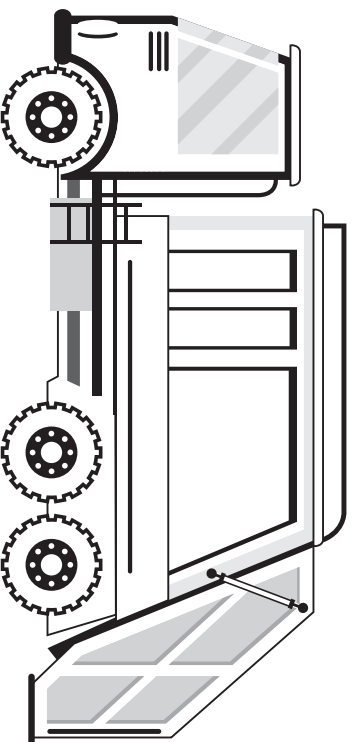
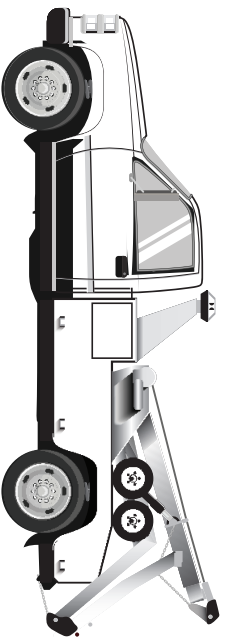
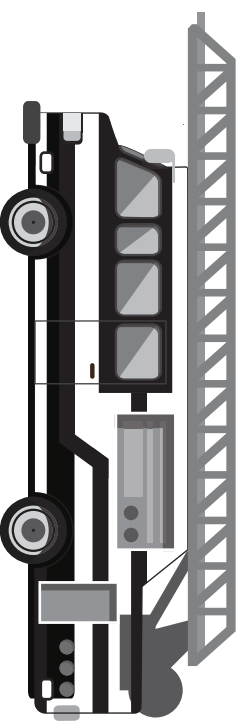
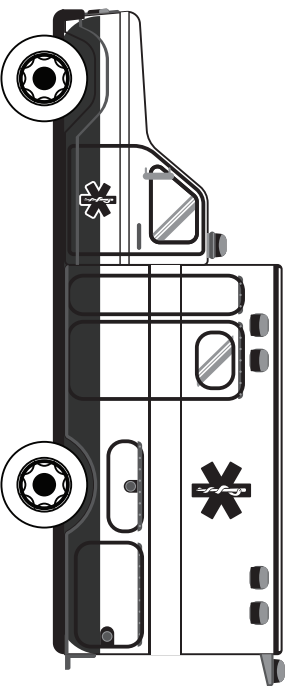
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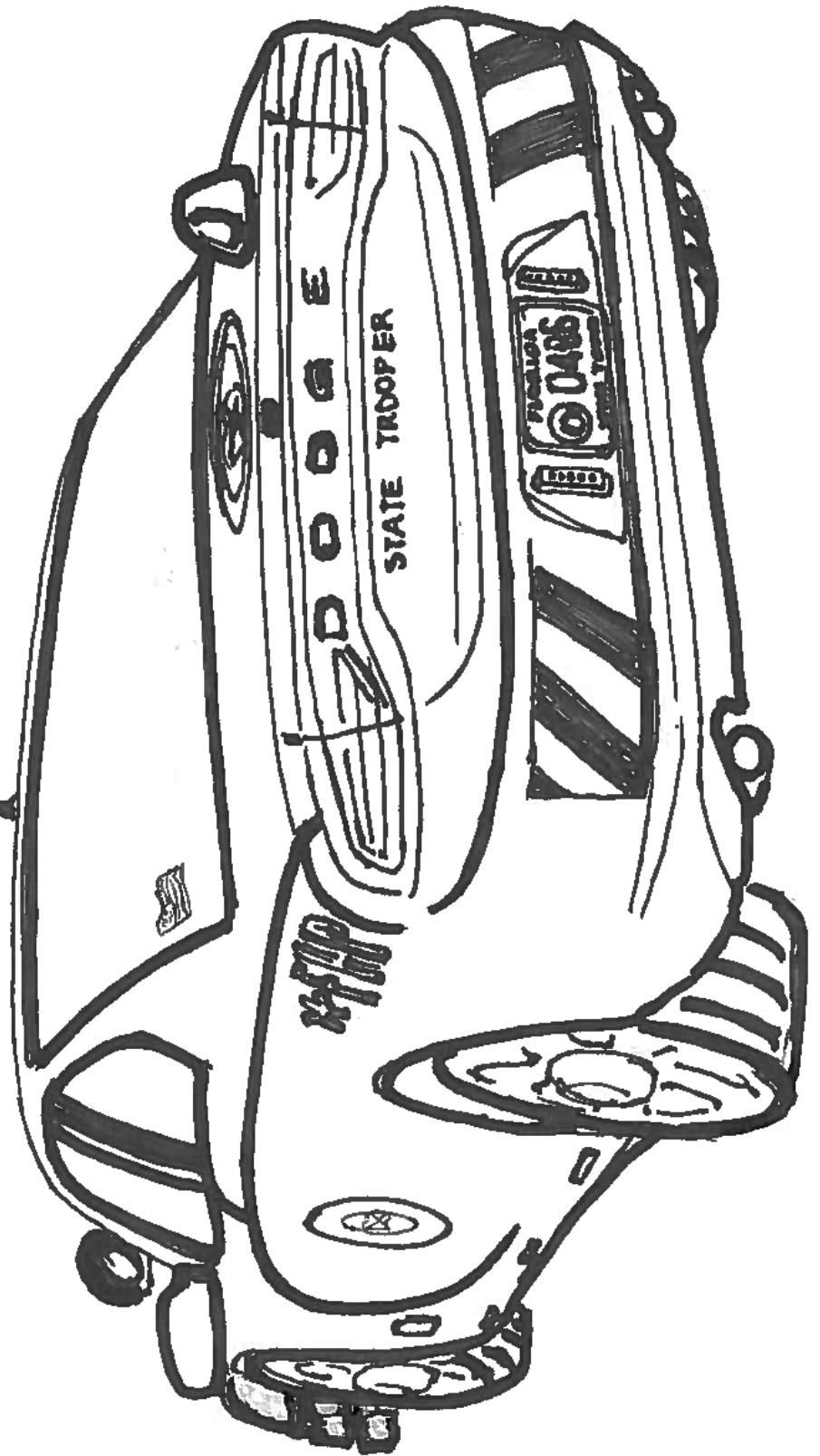
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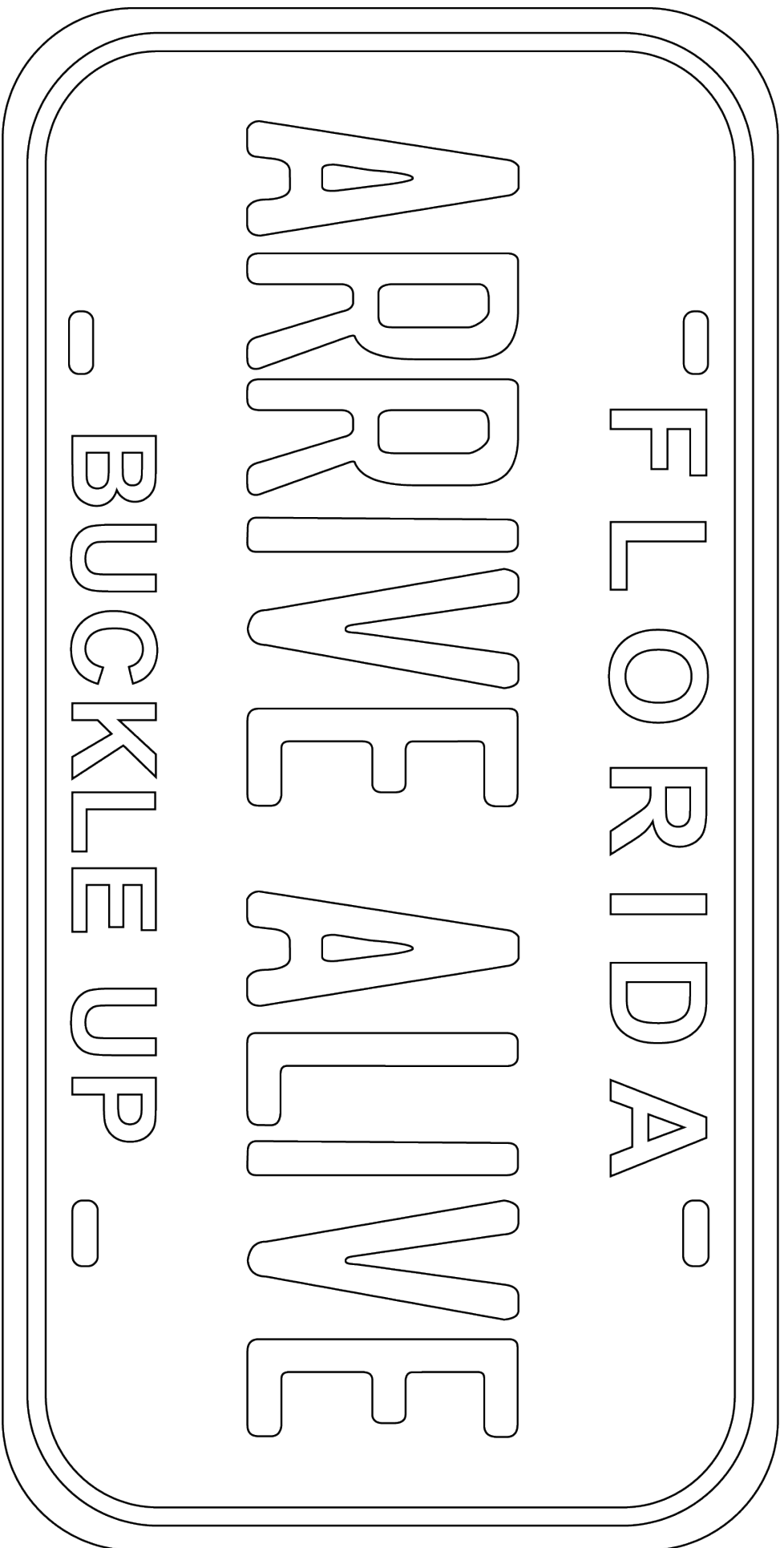
«MOVE OVER»

FOR STOPPED EMERGENCY AND SERVICE VEHICLES



Move over a lane for stopped law enforcement, emergency, sanitation, utility service vehicles and tow trucks. If you can't move over, slow down to 20 mph less than the posted speed limit. If the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less, slow down to 5 mph.





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ACTIVITY ANSWER KEYS

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CAR & DRIVEWAY SAFETY

Safety Picture Find
Circle the things that are not safe in the picture below.

Look Twice!

1. Dog in car
2. Kid in car
3. Skate board behind car
4. Jump rope behind car
5. Kid behind car in driveway
6. Glove in driveway

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1. ARRIVE ALIVE VRAERI LEVAL
2. LOOK TWICE OKLO CEWTI
3. BICYCLE YLCIEBC
4. HELMET MEHLET
5. CROSS WALK OAKCSWLRS

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