

Chapter 3/4

Driver Responsibility & Safe Driving Rules
and Regulations

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- The driver and all passengers must wear a seatbelt ⁽¹⁾
- The driver is responsible for all passengers under 18 ⁽¹⁾
- Seat belt provides
 - ◆ motorist/passengers from being thrown in a collision
 - ◆ slows body down with vehicle
 - ◆ keeps motorist/passenger from sliding during sudden stops/turns ⁽²⁾
- Child restriction law: children up to age of 8 and a weight of 80 lbs needs a booster in the rear seat. fine of \$54. ⁽³⁾
- Wearing a seatbelt increases your chances of surviving a collision by 60%. Best protection in case of an accident is safety belts and airbags ⁽⁴⁾
- Items to check to make sure they are working properly
 - ◆ backup lights, brakes, brake lights, headlights, horn, tires ⁽⁵⁾

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- Look behind and in front of the car before entering a parked car to begin driving ⁽⁶⁾
- Steps to starting a parked car
 - ◆ windows should be clean and nothing should block vision
 - ◆ seat should be adjusted so motorist can reach all pedals and control easily
 - ◆ inside & outside rear-views should be adjusted ⁽⁷⁾
- Areas that cannot be seen in your mirrors are called blind spots ⁽⁸⁾
- How to check for blind spots
 - ◆ inside and outside rearview mirrors should be adjusted
 - ◆ make sure nothing is blocking the motorists' vision ⁽⁹⁾
- Hands should be positioned at 9:00 and 3:00 ⁽¹⁰⁾

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- When backing a car into a straight line a motorist's head and body should be turned to the right until they can see clearly through the back window⁽¹¹⁾
- When driving in reverse, turn steering wheel in same direction you want the rear to move ⁽¹²⁾
- Four factors that determine car's stopping distance
 - ◆ weather & visibility
 - ◆ brake conditions
 - ◆ speed
 - ◆ roadway conditions ⁽¹³⁾
- Slamming the brake pedal even if there's no emergency is a common mistake ⁽¹⁴⁾

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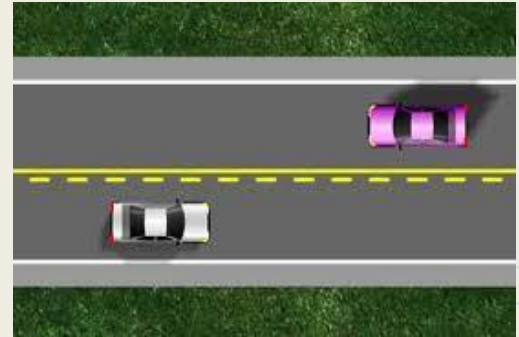
- Signal 100 feet in advance before turning ⁽¹⁶⁾
- The horn calls attention and is used to communicate with other drivers ⁽¹⁷⁾
- Parking on a hill
 - ◆ Uphill with a curb: Position wheels turned away from curb
 - ◆ Downhill with a curb: Position wheels toward curb
 - ◆ No curb: Straight ⁽¹⁸⁾

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- 5 speed limits in NJ
 - ◆ 25 mph (school zones, residential districts)
 - ◆ 35 mph (suburban)
 - ◆ 50 mph (rural rds)
 - ◆ 55 mph (state hwy)
 - ◆ 65 mph (interstate hwy) ⁽¹⁾
- Slowing Down
 - ◆ On narrow/winding roads
 - ◆ Intersections/railroad crossings
 - ◆ On hills
 - ◆ Sharp/blind curves
 - ◆ Pedestrians
 - ◆ Wet/slippery roads ⁽²⁾

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- Passing is safe
 - ◆ Broken line (both or the one on your side)
 - ◆ Vehicles moving in at least 2 cont. lines
 - ◆ Motorist ahead making left turn and there is room to pass ⁽³⁾
- Passing is NOT safe
 - ◆ On hill or curve (less visibility)
 - ◆ Center lines restrict it
 - ◆ Intersections
 - ◆ Street/Railroad crossing
 - ◆ Narrow bridges/Tunnels
 - ◆ Vehicle in front has stopped due to pedestrian ⁽⁴⁾



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- Keep to the right EXCEPT when passing (6)
- Yield to
 - ◆ emergency vehicles
 - ◆ buses
 - ◆ other vehicles in the intersection (7)
- ALWAYS yield to emergency vehicles (8)
- Controlled Intersection:
 - ◆ traffic signals or signs or directions of a police officer that motorist must obey
 - ◆ both motorists arrive at same time, motorist on right has right of way (9)
- You can NEVER drive on public property to avoid a traffic signal

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- Uncontrolled Intersection
 - ◆ 2 or more roads join and no traffic signals
 - ◆ Reduce speed, check for traffic
 - ◆ Traffic on main road and vehicle on right- right of way ⁽¹²⁾
- Accelerated Lanes: Speed change or lane consisting of added pavement at the edge of traffic lanes to permit vehicles to accelerate before merging with the traffic flow ⁽¹³⁾
- Deceleration Lanes: Speed change area or lane consisting of added pavement at the edge of traffic lanes to permit drivers to diverge from traffic flow without reducing speed until the diverging is completed ⁽¹⁴⁾
- Cloverleaf Interchanges: A motorist should watch for entrance and exit signs and drive slowly in the circle obeying the posted speed limit ⁽¹⁵⁾

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- Turning on right is legal when no turn on red sign is not there ⁽¹⁶⁾
- Circle Interchanges:
 - ◆ Adjust steering and speed when approaching the curve
 - ◆ Slow down before entering and avoid drifting into another lane
- Check for warning signs/obey projected speed limits ⁽¹⁸⁾
- Motorist must stop when there are pedestrians ⁽¹⁹⁾
- Headlights should be on between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise ⁽²³⁾
- Using a cellphone is considered a primary offense, even handsfree is strongly discouraged ⁽²⁶⁾