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XIII. Driving Emergencies-Part 3

Manual

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Stop Immediately, Stay at the Scene

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- > Prevent other crashes
 - > Warn others if possible-hazard-flashers, flares
- > Stay Safe- Be aware of:
 - > Fallen wires
 - > Other Traffic-Stay off road
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- Contact 911 for police and, if needed, fire and ambulance response.
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 - Explain Situation, Give location.
 - Explain that there are injuries.
 - Number of people.
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- Follow 911 directions if given
- Make sure the scene is safe
- Avoid Moving Victim-(unless in more danger)
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 - PA Move Over LAW
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Pennsylvania's Move Over Law

Drivers approaching an emergency response area must safely merge into a lane further away from the response area.

Can't merge safely?
Slow to at least 20 mph less than the posted speed limit.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY THE POLICE

- Law enforcement officers issue written traffic citations to persons who are charged with violating the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Law.
- You must follow the directions of the officer at the time of the stop, or you may be subject to arrest.
- You will know a police officer wants you to pull over when they activate the flashing red and blue lights on top of the police vehicle.
- In some instances, an unmarked police vehicle may be equipped with a flashing red light only.

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- You may also see flashing white lights used in addition to these lights.
- If the vehicle is flashing only blue lights, then it is not a police officer.**
- If you see flashing red and blue lights or flashing red lights only and you are still not certain the person pulling you over is actually a police officer,
 - you may drive to the nearest well-lit, populated area, but acknowledge you understand the request to stop by turning on your flashers and driving at a reduced speed.**
- You may ask the officer for identification and should do so if the individual who has stopped you is not in uniform or has an unmarked vehicle.
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What to do when pulled over by the police:

DO NOT FLEE

- Activate turn signal, pull to a safe area at the right edge of road.
- If at night, turn on interior light.
- Shift to Park, Shut off engine, and music.
- Keep seat belt buckled
- Limit your movements, don't reach for anything.
- Roll down window.
- Alert officer immediately if transporting any type of firearm.
- Keep doors closed. Stay inside, unless asked to step out.
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- Be polite.
- The officer will tell you what you did wrong.
- You may receive only a warning, or you may be cited for a traffic violation.
- By signing the citation, you are NOT admitting to guilt, only acknowledging receiving the ticket.

If you disagree with the citation, you are entitled to a court hearing where you can present your arguments.

- It is not in your best interest to argue with the officer at the scene.
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Videos

- [Traffic Stop 1](#)
- [Traffic Stop 2](#)

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**What to do when pulled over by the police:
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

WHAT CONSTITUTES A DUI (DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE)?
The penalties for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs are severe.

- In Pennsylvania, if you are of legal drinking age (21 or older), you are considered to be driving "while under the influence" if your **blood alcohol level is .08 or higher**.
- But, you also may be convicted of DUI at lower BAC levels, if you are stopped by police for driving erratically (too slow, too fast, straddling your lane, making wide turns, stopping for no reason, failing to obey traffic signs and signals, etc.).

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PENNSYLVANIA'S IMPLIED CONSENT LAW (CHEMICAL TESTING FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS)
The Implied Consent law is very important to you as a driver.

The law covering chemical testing says you have:

- agreed to take such a test -- just by being licensed to drive in Pennsylvania.

If the police arrest you for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs and you refuse to take one (1) or more chemical tests of breath or blood,

- your driving privilege will be automatically suspended for one (1) year.
- This suspension is in addition to the suspension imposed for a conviction or Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) for driving while under the influence.

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- If you refuse to take a test and you are found guilty of DUI, your driving privilege may be suspended for two and a half (2 1/2) years, depending on your BAC level at the time of the arrest.
- If you refuse chemical testing and have had a prior DUI conviction or a prior refusal for chemical testing, you will face an 18-month suspension for the refusal, plus 18 more months for the DUI conviction, for a total suspension of three (3) years.

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- If you are under 21, you are considered to be driving under the influence if your blood alcohol level is .02 or greater.

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ZERO TOLERANCE LAW (UNDER 21 DUI)**

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WHY ZERO TOLERANCE?

- Traffic crashes are the number one (1) cause of death for teenagers in the United States.
- Driving involves multiple tasks, the demands of which change continually. To drive safely, you must be alert, make decisions based on ever-changing information present in the environment and be able to maneuver based on these decisions.
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If you are under 21 and are convicted of DUI for the first time, you will go to jail for a term ranging from two (2) days to six (6) months, your license will be suspended for a full year, and you will pay a fine of \$500 to \$5,000.

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- The minimum penalty for underage drinking is a fine of up to \$500 plus court costs.
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 - reduce stressful situations for adult and teen.
 - reduce risk by allowing the teen driver to gradually progress through skill levels and driving environments.
 - The "Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Responsible" approach, is the motto used by the Novice Driver Statewide Program, and is used in the PA Perceptual Driving Curriculum.

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