



**IS YOUR CHILD IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT?**

**REAR-FACING CAR SEAT  
(Birth - 12 months)**



Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

A rear-facing car seat is the best seat for your young child to use. It has a harness and in a crash, cradles and moves with your child to reduce the stress to the child's fragile neck and spinal cord.

**FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT  
(1 - 3 years)**



Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

A forward-facing car seat has a harness and tether that limits your child's forward movement during a crash.

**3 out of 4 kids**

are not secure in the car as they should be because car seats are not being used correctly.

**BOOSTER SEAT  
(4 - 7 years)**



Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

A booster-seat positions the seat belt so that it fits properly over the stronger parts of your child's body.

**SEAT BELT  
(8 - 12 years)**



Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer.

A seat-belt should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash. It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck.

**Car Seats / Booster Seats are Required Under PA Law.**



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You have **ALL** the pieces for a safe trip on the **PA Turnpike!**



Child vehicle restraints saved the lives of an estimated **9,611 children age 4 & under** from 1975-2010.

**CRASHES** are the leading cause of death for children 1-12 years old.

Information & Statistics Provided by [www.safecar.gov/therightseat](http://www.safecar.gov/therightseat)

**Drive Safe and...  
Be AWARE!**

## What is Distracted Driving?

- Texting / Using a cellphone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading / Using a navigation system
- Adjusting the radio / Watching a video



## Tips to Work Zone Safety

- Drive at posted speed limit
- Do not tailgate
- Disengage from distracted activities
- Pay attention to work zone signs
- Watch out for workers & equipment
- Turn on vehicle headlights



## Reasons to Wear a Seat Belt

- It's the law
- Remains the number one vehicle safety device
- Could save your life
- Car crashes are #1 killer of children ages 1 to 12 in the US
- Keeps you from being thrown from your vehicle

## What is Aggressive Driving?

- Speeding / Excessive lane change / Improper passing
- Fails to consider the human element involved
- Disregard for the safety of others
- Aggressive driving is a traffic offense
- Road rage is a criminal offense



## No Zone Tips for Car Drivers

- Stay out of the "No Zone", blind spots of a truck
- Avoid tailgating due to rear "No Zone"
- Don't break suddenly in front of trucks
- Avoid squeeze play ; trucks have a wide right turn, give plenty of room.
- Don't "hang out" on either side of a truck



# Services PROVIDED

## when driving on the PA Turnpike



The goal of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is to provide a safe and secure travel environment to our valued customers. To accomplish this, The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission offers several safety services while traveling on the Turnpike on a 24/7 basis:

**State Farm Safety Patrols** respond to customers who have become disabled or are involved in an accident by providing assistance until the proper emergency response provider arrives. They patrol the roadway on a regular basis and provide a source of communication to our Traffic Operations Center.

The **Traffic Operations Center** is state of the art with the capability of handling all emergencies by dispatching the proper personnel and equipment. The Traffic Operations Center operates on 24/7 basis which minimizes dangers and maximizes emergency assistance. They can be reached via cell phone by dialing \*11.

The **Customer Assistance Center** is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 800-331-3414 or visit our website at [www.paturnpike.com](http://www.paturnpike.com).

Launch the hands-free **TRIP Talk** application before you put your car in drive. You will hear active PA Turnpike advisories near you. Now put down the phone and focus on driving. There's nothing on your phone that you need to touch or read. Just listen for travel alerts. TRIP Talk will remain on while you drive, automatically activating when you approach an area impacted by a Turnpike advisory.



iPhone



Download the TRIP Talk Smartphone App Now!



Android

**PA State Police** has a troop specifically assigned to the PA Turnpike who patrol the roadway 24/7 and respond to provide assistance for all incidents.

**Contracted Emergency Road and Towing Service Providers** are available 24/7. All towing providers honor AAA. They provide fuel, lockout service, minor roadside repairs and towing on the PA Turnpike.

**Fire Service** is available on a 24/7 basis to respond to emergencies on the PA Turnpike to prevent and minimize injury and loss of life or property resulting from fire or other emergencies.

**Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Medical Helicopter Services** are available on a 24/7 basis who respond to accidents/medical emergencies providing a high quality of medical care.

**Emergency Call Boxes**, which are yellow with the word "HELP", are located at one-mile intervals along both sides of the PA Turnpike. The call boxes give distressed or disabled motorist a direct link to the Turnpike's Traffic Operation Center in Harrisburg, PA. Within seconds of pressing the call box button, a signal light and alarm tone indicate message was received and help is on the way.

**Service Plazas** are located on both side of the Turnpike. Open 24-hours, the service plazas provide many services such as: fuel, food vendors, restrooms, information boards and more. A great rest stop for people and their pets.

**Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) Public Access Program** has been initiated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission with AEDs located at all service plazas, maintenance sheds and all manned toll plazas along with trained personnel in the operation of the AED to be utilized in the event of a heart attack.

**Slow Down & Move Over for Stopped Emergency Vehicles. It's the Law.**