

Traffic Safety Link on LSPD Website

Traffic and Vehicle related FAQ's:

- 1) Do headlights have to be activated in the rain?
 - a. Any time when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture, including rain, snow, sleet or mist, the vehicle's headlights shall be activated. Title 75 Section 4302(a)(3).

- 2) Is there a law explaining what to do when driving in an emergency response area?
 - a. An emergency response area could be marked with road flares, caution signs or any other traffic control device which law enforcement officials may have at their immediate disposal. It could also simply be an emergency vehicle along the road with its emergency light flashing. When approaching or passing an emergency response area, a person, unless otherwise directed by an emergency service responder, shall pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency response area, if possible; or if passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible, illegal or unsafe, pass the emergency response area at a careful and prudent reduced speed reasonable for safely passing the emergency response area. Title 75 Section 3327.

- 3) Is window tint permitted on a vehicle in Pennsylvania?
 - a. No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any sun screening device or other material which does not permit a person to see or view the inside of the vehicle through the windshield, side wing or side window of the vehicle. This does not apply to a vehicle which is equipped with tinted windows of the type and specification that were installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle or to any hearse, ambulance, government vehicle or any other vehicle for which a currently valid certificate of exemption has been issued. Title 75 Section 4524(e).
 - b. The maximum tint allowed on a passenger cars front windshield and side windows must allow a 70% light transmittance. Title 67 chapter 175.67 (glazing) or 175.261 (vehicle sun screening devices) and Table X (acceptable light transmittance levels for vehicle glazing).
 - c. Vehicles purchased out of state and then brought into Pennsylvania are subject to all Pennsylvania laws. Tinting requirements in some neighboring states are less strict than those in Pennsylvania.

- 4) At what age should a child be in a car seat?
 - a. Any child under four years of age shall be securely fastened in a child passenger restraint system. Title 75 Section 4581(a)(1).

- b. Any child older than four years of age but under eight years of age shall securely in a fastened safety seat belt system and in an appropriately fitting child booster seat. Title 75 Section 4581(a)(1.1).
- 5) When is a vehicle considered abandoned?
- a. The vehicle is physically inoperable and is left unattended on a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours.
 - b. The vehicle has remained illegally on a highway or other public property for a period of more than 48 hours.
 - c. The vehicle is left unattended on or along a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours and does not bear all of the following:
 - i. A valid registration plate
 - ii. A current certificate of inspection
 - iii. An ascertainable vehicle identification number
- 6) Can the police speed trailer be placed on my street?
- a. The speed trailer, which is a tool used by LSPD to slow traffic and make the roads safer, is set up in areas where complaints of speeding are received. If you know an area where this tool might be effective, you can put in a request by calling the police department at 215-256-9500 or by sending an email to police@lowersalfordtownship.org.

Traffic safety links to add:

PennDOT - <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/>

PA Vehicle Code (Title 75) – http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/vehicle_code/index.shtml

Drive Safe PA - <http://www.drivesafepa.org/>

PA Traffic Safety Enforcement Resource Center - <http://www.buckleuppa.org/>

PA DUI Association - <http://padui.org/>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>