



TRAFFIC SAFETY

In South Carolina, there are more than 140,000 vehicle-related accidents each year. That is an average of one impact every four minutes. With almost two million registered vehicles on the road, it is essential to stay aware of the hazards and other drivers.

South Carolina Traffic Laws

Seatbelt

Everybody in the vehicle must wear a seatbelt while the vehicle is in operation.

Move Over

If you see an emergency vehicle, slow down and change lanes if it is safe.

Move Right

Slower drivers should move to the right lane and allow the left lane for passing.

Distracted Driving

Never use an electronic device to compose, send, or read messages while operating a vehicle.

**Be Prepared.
Be Aware.**

Obey the speed limit.

Use defensive driving techniques. Pay attention to your surroundings.

Be aware of motorcycles on the road. Always check your blind spots before changing lanes.

Properly install and secure child seats.

Have your vehicle regularly serviced by a licensed mechanic.

Motorcycle Safety



Motorcycle operators must have a motorcycle license (Class M) to operate in SC.

Recommendation: Wear a DOT-approved helmet and eye protection when riding a motorcycle (required if under 21).

Vehicle Fire



If your vehicle is on fire, pull over as quickly as it is safe. Use signals as you make your way off the road.

Once you are stopped, turn off the engine. Get everyone out of the car. Move everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and away from traffic. Call 9-1-1.

It is essential to stay safe and obey traffic laws for all vehicles. By keeping proper maintenance, following traffic laws, and maintaining defensive driving techniques, you can be sure to have safe travels.

