

COURT DIVERSION DRIVING LESSON

Clients taking our Court Diversion Lessons should be assisted with correcting bad habits.

These students should already know how to drive. Our goal on these two-hour lessons is to focus on correcting bad habits that many people pick up while driving. We will additionally provide the students with the skills needed to fortify a foundation for good habits that were never learned and educate them on common unknown laws. These lessons are not on how to drive or how to park. The emphasis should be put on why they are taking the lesson, whether for speeding, passing school buses, aggressive driving, road rage, proper stopping and following distance, etc.

Laws that should be expressed during this lesson, include but are not limited to the following:

- **Bike Law**
 - Pennsylvania requires that the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle traveling in the same direction "... shall pass to the left of the pedal cycle within not less than four feet at a careful and prudent reduced speed."
- **Move over Law**
 - Pennsylvania's "Move Over," or "Steer Clear" law requires drivers to slow down or, when possible; to move at least one lane away when encountering an emergency vehicle, traffic stop or disabled vehicle along the side of the road
- **School Zone**
 - Under the Pennsylvania Code, a school zone speed limit of 15 mph may apply. The speed limit applies during all the normal hours that walking students are arriving to school or leaving school
- **Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law**
 - Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing, and stop arm extended. Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped
- **Headlights on.**
 - All motorists are required to travel with their headlights turned on in all posted work zones, not just active work zones. It is necessary for drivers in vehicles with daytime running lights to turn on their headlights in order to activate their taillights.

- **Work Zones**
 - If you encounter our work zones, please keep the following tips in mind for your safety and the safety of highway workers.
 - Drive the posted work zone speed limit.
 - Stay alert and pay close attention to signs and flaggers.
 - Turn on your headlights if signs instruct you to do so.
 - Maintain a safe distance around vehicles. Don't tailgate.
 - Use four-way flashers when stopped or traveling slowly.
 - Avoid distractions and give your full attention to the road.
 - Always buckle up.
 - Expect the unexpected.
 - Be patient.

- **Headlights On, Wipers On**
 - Using your headlights during the darker hours is a given, but did you know that you must also turn on your headlights anytime you continually use your windshield wipers? If you are caught not using your headlights when your wipers are on, you can receive a ticket with fines totaling over \$100.

- **Keep Right, Pass Left**
 - On highways, drivers must stay in the right lane unless they are passing slower traffic. The left lanes are intended for passing vehicles and, in some cases, left turns only. Drivers can only use the left lane for a maximum of two miles before passing or making a left turn. If drivers use the lane for more than two miles, they can be fined up to \$100.