

AARP Smart Driver Course Information, Rules of the Road, and Quick Tips for Seniors

By taking the AARP Smart Driver course, drivers will refresh their knowledge of the **rules of the road** and learn research-based safety strategies to help maintain their confidence behind the wheel. They will also learn how to adapt to changes – changes to themselves, their vehicles, and the driving environment to keep them driving longer and safely.

Retooling: Relearning to Drive

After weeks in coronavirus lockdown mode, some drivers are 'speeding like crazy' but others are learning they need to shake off the rust. Police are seeing an increase in:

1. Speeding
2. Delayed reaction to signs and signals
3. Illegal turns

Do You Know the rules of the Road?

When you have been driving for decades it is easy to feel like you know it all. Yet for years, national surveys have shown that about one in five of us would flunk a written driver's test. There are also laws that evolve with the times, like those regarding pedestrians and cell phone use that many people simply do not know.

Test your own road IQ:

At What distance before making a turn should you put on your turn signal?

- A. 50 feet before the turn
- B. 100 feet before the turn
- C. It depends on whether anyone is behind you to see you turning
- D. Early enough to give drivers behind you time to react

Answer: B – 100 feet before the turn

Top 4 Driving Safety Tips:

1. **Always focus on driving – Keep 100% of your attention on driving** no multi-tasking, do not use your cell phone or any other electronic device while driving.
2. **Drive Defensively** – Keep a 3-second cushion between you and the car in front of you.
3. **Make a safe driving plan** – adjust your seat, mirrors, radio, and climate controls before putting the car in gear.
4. **Practice safety** – Always wear your seat belt and driver sober and drug-free.

These are just a few of things that you will learn by taking the AARP Smart Driver Safety Class.

As a precaution against the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic all in person classes are canceled until December 31, 2020. However, the course is available on-line. Any Participant taking the on-line course will receive a 25% discount through the end of the year.

Information to take the on-line course is listed below:

Website: www.aarpdriversafety.org

Promo code for 25% discount: DRIVINGSKILLS

Good Through: December 31, 2020