

Vehicle Safety Checklist

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- Basic Equipment
 - Safety belts are in good working order.
 - There are 2 white headlights, both working.
 - There are 2 red taillights, both working, visible for 500 feet to the rear.
 - White rear license plate light is visible for 50 feet to the rear.
 - There are 2 red reflectors on side rear fenders of vehicle.
 - There are 2 brake lights, both working, visible from 500 ft in normal daylight.
 - Right and left turn signal are on the front and rear of vehicle, visible from 500 feet.
 - Front and rear plates are required except for motorcycles and trailers.
 - Brakes are in good working order.
 - Tires have no body ply or belt material exposed, no tread or sidewall separation.
 - Tire pressure should be accurate.
 - Exhaust system is in good working order and constant operation.
 - Windows and windshield are clean, free from obstruction, cracks or decals.
 - Good working windshield wipers are required.
 - Rearview mirror is required so a driver will be able to see at least 200 feet behind the vehicle.
 - Working horn is required, must be heard from 200 feet away.
 - Fenders must cover entire width of tire tread that touches the pavement.
- Driving
 - Drive in a safe and courteous manner.
 - Keep a valid license in your possession.
 - Perform a vehicle safety check prior to beginning travel.
 - Drivers and all passengers must wear seat belts.
 - Do not drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - Do not use cell phones or texting devices while driving.
 - Do not pick up hitchhikers.
 - Do not leave a running vehicle unattended.

- Be mindful of the weather.
- Avoid driving during severe weather conditions.