

The following driving tips are intended to help you and your family have a relaxed and enjoyable holiday. Please take similar precautions, as you would while driving at home.

Florida law requires safety belts for all front passengers, regardless of age.

Children 5 years of age and younger **MUST** be secured in child restraint devices.

Children 3 years of age and younger **MUST** be placed in infant carriers or child car seats.

Children aged 4 and 5 **MUST** be in a safety seat or wear a seat belt in the rear seat of the car.

I strongly recommend that you take your own children's car seats.

Florida law requires that you turn on your headlights at dusk, in fog, or in rain. Be especially careful while driving during or after rainfall.

NO drinking and driving. Always have a designated driver who will remain alcohol free. Under Florida DUI (Driving whilst Under the Influence) law, if you are caught driving with a BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) of 0.10 or higher, or if you refuse to submit to a roadside test, you may be arrested and your driver's license suspended indefinitely.

On approaching a "STOP" sign, Florida law requires that your vehicle comes to a complete halt before proceeding. At 4-way STOP signs, the vehicle that arrived at the cross-section first has the right of way first, then the next vehicle and so on.

You may turn **RIGHT** on a red light after you have come to a complete stop, check the coast is clear, there are no signs posted stating "NO RIGHT" turn on red.

STOP! For the stopped school bus. Florida motor vehicle law requires all vehicles to stop, whether approaching, turning or following a School Bus when the red lights are flashing and STOP signal is displayed.

NEVER overtake a stationary school bus with flashing red lights. Cars travelling towards a school bus are not required to stop if the roadway is separated by an unpaved space of at least 5 ft. or there is a physical barrier.

Use a map to plan your route before you venture out. If you miss a turn or exit, proceed to the next corner or exit. Never back up. Always pull completely off the road if you must stop.

Florida law states that you must carry your driver's license at all times. You must also carry your car rental and proof of insurance documents with you at all times.

If you are stopped by a police officer (who will always be in a marked vehicle), remain in your vehicle and the officer will approach you and advise you of the problem.

When going to petrol (gas) stations, you may be required to pay before filling up. Be sure to always use regular unleaded petrol (gas) only.

When any emergency vehicle -- police car, ambulance, fire equipment -- is parked on or beside a road with its visible signals active, all traffic must vacate the lane next to those vehicles. For example, you must move over if you approach a police car that has pulled over a speeder, or if you approach any emergency vehicle at an accident scene. Also, you must drive 20 mph below the posted limit if the limit is 25 mph or higher. If the speed limit is 20 mph or less, or if the emergency situation is on a two-lane road with no spare lane to use, traffic must slow to 5 mph unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

When parking your car, make sure that it is facing in the correct direction.

In a car park

The vehicle must be parked facing forward i.e. do NOT reverse into a parking bay. Also ensure that the vehicle is within the marked bay.

In the street

When parking bays are parallel to the pavement, the vehicle must be facing in the same direction as the direction of travel.