Amish Country Driving Tips

USE EXTREME CAUTION on hills, dips, sharp turns, and blind curves, especially after dark.



WATCH FOR horse-drawn vehicles, pedestrians, farm equipment, bicyclists, and horseback riders at ALL times of day and night and on ALL roads, even the main highways.





EXPECT TO ENCOUNTER slow-moving vehicles, even ones NOT equipped with lighting, reflective materials, or the orange, triangular "slow-moving vehicle" signs.

BE ALERT because horses are unpredictable and may react unexpectedly when your vehicle approaches or passes. Always anticipate left-hand turns.

BE AWARE that horse-drawn vehicles will often roll backward several feet before moving forward when starting from a complete stop.

RURAL ROADS ARE NOT CITY STREETS; they are often narrower or may vary in width. You may have less room to maneuver or encounter loose gravel and grass berms.

WATCH "CLOSURE TIME," which is the time you have to recognize and respond when coming up on a vehicle. Normal speeds for horse-drawn buggies range from 5 to 8 mph and even slower with heavy loads.

ONLY PASS WHEN LEGAL AND SAFE, and NEVER pass a buggy near the top of a hill. Oncoming traffic is traveling 50 mph or more. Please don't get in the way of oncoming traffic when they can't see you! Slow down and allow buggies and horse-drawn equipment plenty of room when passing.

Please Drive Slowly and Savor the Relaxed Pace of Amish Country!