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Why Drivers  
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# President's Note

Peter J. Armstrong  
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“...the end is where we  
start from...”

## Coming and Going

“To make an end is to make a beginning.” These words were penned by the poet, essayist and playwright T. S. Eliot. The line is taken from his poem, “Little Gidding”, that, in part, concluded that the end of all exploration is to return to where one started but with a new understanding of that origin.

The poem was written and published in 1942, a time with its own beginnings and endings. Women officially enlisted in the armed forces for the first time, U.S. factories and other industries shifted from civilian to military production, and the year saw the turning point of WW II.

Within the Commonwealth, 1942 saw continued progress in the construction of the new Pennsylvania Turnpike, “America’s First Superhighway”. The Clear Ridge Cut, originally planned to be a tunnel on the limited access highway, was completed in this year and was dubbed the “Little Panama” cut due to its depth.

The year was also significant for the humble penny. 1942 saw a change in the coin’s composition, which was mainly copper at the time. In support of the war effort, the composition went from 95% copper and a 5% alloy of tin and zinc to zinc-coated steel. In 1944, the pennies went back to being mainly composed of copper.

Last year, the Secretary of the Treasury decided to suspend production of the one-cent coin, citing the rising cost in penny production. Some coin collectors see this as a historic moment, while others see little change for numismatists because so many pennies are still in circulation.

Last year also saw the beginning of the end for toll collectors on the PA Turnpike. Instead of the traditional manned toll booth, with men and women able to accept fees and dispense travel directions and information, vehicles will be identified by an overhead structure using transponder signals for E-ZPass customers or cameras for Toll By Plate users.

Expected benefits of the new arrangement are improved traffic flow, enhanced safety, and lower operational costs for the turnpike authority. “Cons” include the potential for billing errors and a lack of immediate payment options that some drivers prefer.

What beginnings and endings are in store for 2026 in the realm of driver safety?

A mandate by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 requires all new passenger vehicles to be equipped with advanced impaired driving preventive technology, beginning this year. The mandate does not specify a particular type of technology that must be used by vehicle manufacturers, but requires the passive monitoring of drivers to prevent a vehicle from starting if impairment is detected.

It will be interesting to see what comes out of this year’s Safe Mobility Conference at the University of Washington this coming March. Planners expect more than four hundred representatives from more than fifty organizations to attend. Per their website at [safemobilityconference.org](https://safemobilityconference.org), the event is designed to “create an opportunity for professionals and students from industry, academia, government, and advocacy organizations to connect, share information, and identify challenges, solutions and best practices geared toward achieving safer mobility for all road users.”

AAA continues to be at the forefront of safe mobility research and technology. Ongoing research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety includes “Roadside Service Vehicles: Effects of Work Light Glare on Worker Safety”, “National Survey of Slow Down Move Over Awareness, Attitudes, and Behavior”, “Novice and Teen Drivers: Nature, Patterns, and Habits”, and more. Check out [www.aaafoundation.org](https://www.aaafoundation.org) for details.

Mr. Eliot continued, “The end is where we start from.” We look forward to ending unsafe driver behavior and attitudes, and the resultant start of a new, safer roadway system for all users.



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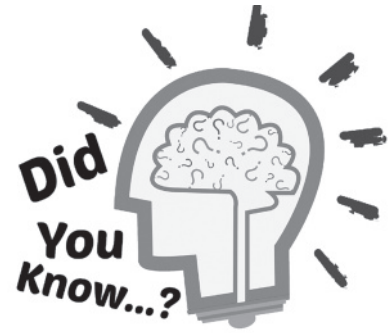
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# Club Update

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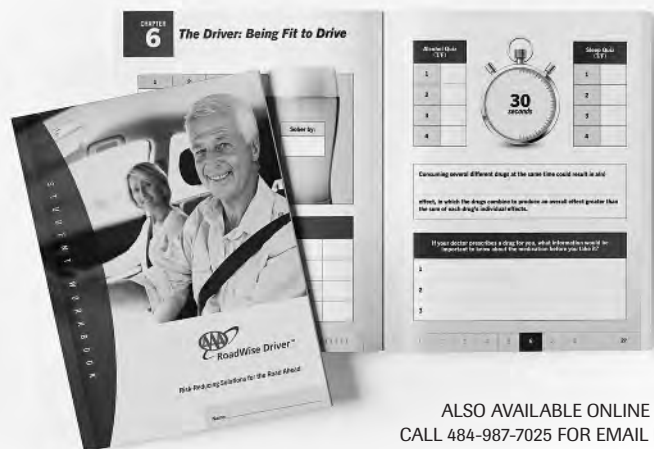
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# slow down move over

*Stranded motorists and the emergency responders who help them face significant risks at the roadside.*

Emergency roadside service technicians help stranded motorists by risking their lives. Within the American Automobile Association, they are known as Roadside Heroes. Unfortunately, a Roadside Hero is struck and killed by a passing vehicle approximately every other week. First responders and stranded motorists face similar risks on the roadside as well. Slow Down, Move Over laws exist to protect Roadside Heroes, first responders, and the stranded motorists whom they serve. However, as statistics have shown, drivers do not always follow the law, all too often resulting in preventable tragedies.

In 2024, a total of 46 emergency responders were killed after being struck by vehicles while working roadway incidents. The fatalities included 26 law enforcement officers, 12 tow truck operators, 4 Department of Transportation/safety service patrol workers, 3 fire/EMS personnel, and 1 road service technician (Emergency Responder Safety Institute). Slow Down, Move Over laws, enacted in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., aim to protect these workers, as well as occupants of disabled vehicles, by requiring passing vehicles to change lanes if possible and/or reduce their speed.

Despite their widespread adoption, compliance with these laws is inconsistent, and thus people working or stranded on the roadside continue to face great risks.

In October 2025, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety conducted a research study that sought to understand why drivers do not always follow Slow Down, Move Over laws. It also looked to identify promising approaches to

increase safe driving behavior and compliance with these important laws, for the safety of all road users. This report should be of interest to federal, state, and local transportation agencies, policymakers, law enforcement professionals, first responders, roadside service professionals, driver education providers, and all motorists.

## **Methodology**

This study employed a comprehensive, phased, mixed-methods approach. First, the research team documented state Slow Down, Move Over laws and surveyed and interviewed traffic safety stakeholders from State Highway Safety Offices, Departments of Transportation,

and law enforcement agencies to gather information about public information and education and enforcement efforts.

Next, the research team conducted focus groups with 135 drivers across 10 states, reflecting a diversity of state laws as well as driver experience and age. Real-world behavior of 12,365 drivers passing 169 unique incident scenes was examined using video from existing traffic cameras located on specific highways in 13 states to quantify the percentage of drivers who changed lanes or reduced their speed as required by law, as well as factors influencing compliance. The findings were then used as a basis for several recommendations for promising strategies for increasing safe behavior and compliance with Slow Down, Move Over laws.

## **Key Findings**

A review of state Slow Down, Move Over laws





revealed substantial variability in the types of vehicles protected, specific actions required of motorists when passing the vehicle, and the penalties for non-compliance. Surveys and interviews with stakeholders highlighted frustrations with data limitations, variation in legislative and enforcement practices, and the perceived effectiveness of emotional messaging and outreach strategies.

Focus groups with drivers revealed several key insights. While most reported moving over and/or slowing down when approaching roadside incidents or workers, their responses varied based on roadway cues. In general, drivers tended to focus on the “move over” component of the law but neglected the “slow down” component. Awareness of laws was inconsistent, as many participants were unsure of their state’s requirements or which vehicles were protected. They generally expressed that while they personally move over or slow down when passing roadside incidents or workers, they believed that other drivers were less likely to do so. They cited limited enforcement and low visibility of outreach efforts as key barriers to improving compliance.

Real-world video of drivers passing incident scenes revealed moderate levels of compliance. In aggregate, 64% of the vehicles subject to Slow Down, Move Over laws were observed changing lanes and/or reducing speed, whereas 36% did neither. Notably, changing lanes was much more common than slowing down. In states that required a specific speed reduction (e.g., 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit), very few drivers reduced their speed to the degree required.

Findings reveal a gap between drivers’ self-reported and observed behavior. While most drivers express an intent to slow down and move over, particularly for emer-

gency and law enforcement vehicles, observational data indicates lower actual compliance rates, especially concerning speed reduction. A pervasive lack of detailed public awareness about the details of state Slow Down, Move Over laws, including the types of vehicles protected and the specific actions required, is likely to contribute to this inconsistency. Furthermore, results suggest that the perceived low risk of enforcement, coupled with varying penalties and often ambiguous legal language across jurisdictions, diminishes the deterrent effect of these laws.

To address these critical challenges, the study proposes a set of recommendations across three core areas:

**Legislation:** Slow Down, Move Over laws should be standardized to ensure protection for all roadside personnel and vehicle types, adopt simplified and consistent language across states, and clarify penalties to be impactful and widely publicized.

**Public Information and Education:** Stakeholders should employ strategies that focus on developing emotionally compelling and visually clear PSAs that explic-

itly state legal requirements and highlight the human impact of non-compliance. These campaigns should leverage multimodal outreach channels, including driver’s education, digital platforms (e.g., navigation apps, streaming services), roadway signage (e.g., fixed- and variable-message signs), and traditional media, supported by consistent funding and strategic timing.

**Enforcement:** Enforcement efforts should emphasize the use of high-visibility enforcement campaigns, utilize routine traffic stops as educational opportunities, and coordinate joint enforcement efforts across agencies. Innovative technologies such as dashcams and automated enforcement systems should be explored and implemented with transparency and an emphasis on education over purely punitive measures.

By addressing these core areas through an integrated approach that combines legislative, educational, and enforcement actions, states can significantly enhance driver awareness, improve compliance with Slow Down, Move Over laws, and ultimately create safer roadside environments for all road users.

View the moving personal experience of a AAA roadside technician who nearly lost his leg as he was helping a motorist. You’ll find it at [AAA.com](http://AAA.com) in our Newsroom (scroll to the bottom of the home page for Newsroom link).





# Norway To Implement Tourist Tax in 2026

Known for its stunning natural beauty, Norway offers a broad spectrum of ways residents and visitors can indulge in outdoor activities. Attractions include the spectacular Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis, as well as lush forests, majestic waterfalls and snow-peaked mountains that shoulder scenic fjords like the Lysefjord.

Pre-COVID, Norway could expect to welcome between five and six million visitors annually. Post-pandemic, after travelers were once again permitted and more than ready to travel abroad, those numbers climbed significantly. In 2024, the “The Land of the Midnight Sun” drew record-breaking numbers of tourists. Statistics Norway reported that 12.4 million foreign visitors booked overnight accommodations, an increase of 12 percent over 2023 and greatly impacting the country’s tourism resources.

As a result, Norway is introducing a new travel tax this year. The resulting revenue is intended to support infrastructure improvements, such as maintaining of nature trails, parking lots, and restroom upgrades, in areas experiencing the largest impact of over-tourism. It is a plan that is hoped to preserve the pristine landscape and features for future generations of vacationers.



The new “visitors contribution” fee is not a nationwide mandate. Those municipalities wishing to implement the tax will have to apply to the relevant government Ministry for approval, citing the strain over-tourism has caused to their local services. Included in the application must be documentation of the significant burden on local public services and infrastructure. There must be a clear plan outlining exactly how the revenue generated from the tax will be used to improve those tourism-related infrastructure and services. The funds must be used exclusively for tourism-related projects and cannot be absorbed into general municipal budgets.

Upon approval, the tax will apply to most overnight stays in hotels, guesthouses, and short-term rentals. Cruise passengers will also be assessed the tax, the rate of which cannot be higher than 3% on the cost of accommodation. The municipalities will have the flexibility of modifying the tax rate based on seasonal visitor traffic.

Accommodation taxes and other types of programs designed to protect environments from the negative impact of over-tourism aren’t a new idea. Many countries currently have similar programs in place, and can be a flat fee per night, a percentage of the accommodation cost, or a one-off payment upon arrival/departure. European countries with this type of arrangement include Austria, Croatia, Germany, France, Portugal, and eighteen others. Travelers staying overnight in Argentina, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand and six others can expect to compensate the local government for their impact on tourism-related resources.

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# A Light in the Dark

Dear Ask Ed,

As an English teacher and avid reader, I love a good mystery. As a vehicle owner, I'm not as enthused. And when my car won't start, I'm so afraid of being taken advantage of when a garage says they can't find out why. I went to college and can speak with confidence, knowledge and experience about all things literary. Don't mechanics go to school to learn their trade? Shouldn't they be able to easily diagnose a no-start issue and recommend solutions based on their knowledge, skill and experience?

Long time reader, first time writer.

Yours,  
Gloria G.

Dear Gloria,

I don't read unless I absolutely have to, so I can't relate to your profession. But, as a long-time auto tech, I can relate to the issue you're describing.

At times, a vehicle no-start condition is easy to diagnose and remedy. Dead battery. Faulty alternator. Or something else that is readily identifiable. At other times, tracking down the reason a vehicle won't start will require some sleuthing - a mystery worthy of Ms. Christy's or Mr. Holmes' talents.

As with solving any mystery, one must look for clues. Is there fuel? Air? Spark? What is the car doing when the driver turns the key or presses the button? Does it crank? Is it clicking? Or is there no response at all? Crickets...?

Just as a mystery can lead the viewer (give me a movie over a book every time) to an "obvious" culprit (it's always the butler!), a mechanic will probably suspect the battery in a no-start situation. It's usually the easiest item to check, and it's a common failure point. If the vehicle



has been sitting for awhile, it doesn't take a lot of imagination to suspect it and to confirm its guilt or clear it from suspicion.

The mechanic may ask you about clues you may have noticed - have your headlights or interior lights dimmed while driving? Have you needed to get a jump start more than once in the past couple of weeks? Were the headlights or an interior light left on by accident, drawing the life out of the battery?

The cause of a battery drain might not be an obvious light that was left on. I've had occasions when a light in a glove box or trunk stayed on even when closed. How do you check for something like that? Here's my hack: set your smart phone to record a video, place it in the glove box or trunk, then close the lid or door. Open the compartment again and check the video.

Here's something that can be embarrassing to admit but may be the cause of an "out of the blue" no-start: is the car in "Reverse" or a forward gear when you tried to start the car? The vehicle's neutral safety switch is a safeguard that will prevent the vehicle from starting unless the automatic transmission is in "Park" or "Neutral".

Hope this helps. Happy motoring!

Ed

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## ‘26 AAA Cruise Projection Setting Records

The booming cruise industry is expected to kick off another record year in 2026, following what is turning out to be a better-than-expected 2025. AAA projects 21.7 million Americans will go on ocean cruises in 2026 – a 4.5% bounce from 2025.

“These numbers reflect the growing demand for ocean cruises among U.S. travelers,” said Stacey Barber, Vice President of AAA Travel. “Our travel agents see this every day when booking dream vacations for AAA members. Whether it’s an anniversary trip to relax in the Caribbean or a family reunion to explore Alaska, ocean cruises offer variety, convenience, and lifelong memories.”

### Who is cruising?

People of all ages go on ocean cruises, but 65% of adult U.S. passengers are 55 or older. 27% are aged 35-54 and 7% are 18-34. Regardless of age, most adults are taking a plus one on the ship! Nearly 50% of American cruise passengers are traveling as a couple, while 20% are cruising with kids. 7% are traveling solo, and the rest are going in groups.

### What types of ships are they booking?

Ocean cruises come in different sizes, but as demand grows, so are the ships! Mega vessels are rising in popularity, especially in the Caribbean where most of them sail. Mega-vessels are currently deployed in three of the four top cruise regions: the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, and Northern Europe. They are not operating in Alaska. In contrast, smaller vessels

hold a greater share in Northern Europe and the Mediterranean, driven by the presence of expedition cruises in the former and a strong luxury segment in the latter.

### When are they going?

Peak season for ocean cruises varies by region. In the Caribbean, peak season is November through March, after hurricane season and during the cold months of winter. Even though summer isn’t peak season for Caribbean cruises, fares rise because kids are off from school so demand from families goes up, but

cruise passengers. That’s why Miami, Port Canaveral, and Fort Lauderdale, all in Florida, are the busiest cruise ports in the world. 7% of U.S. passengers are expected to take Alaska cruises this year, and 5% are projected to cruise in the Mediterranean. The Caribbean’s popularity is also bolstered by the increase in shorter-length cruises – which passengers like because they’re convenient and cruise lines like because they can schedule more itineraries and sell more cabins.

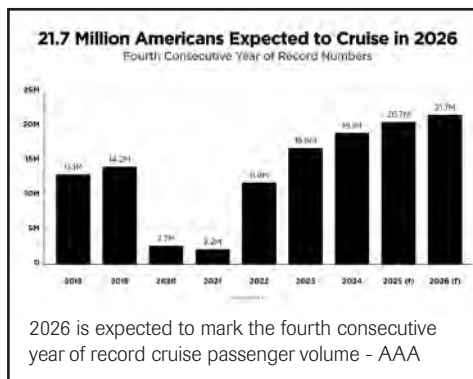
### Why do they love it?

AAA travel agents hear from members every day who are ready to book their first, second, or tenth cruise! In fact, 90% of U.S. cruise passengers rate their experiences as very good or good, and 91% of them have taken multiple cruises. That means most people just have to try cruising once to get hooked!

Cruising appeals to couples because the ship offers “date night” opportunities all day long! Intergenerational families enjoy the variety of activities and amenities, and many say cruise vacations are more economical than booking flights and hotel rooms, especially if they want to visit multiple countries. To appeal to younger people and more adventurous travelers, many cruise lines are offering expedition cruises from the Arctic to Antarctica.

### How can I book?

Booking with a travel agent is the best way to know your options and get the most value. Having an advocate back home is also helpful if there are any issues during your trip.



capacity is lower because there are fewer ships sailing the Caribbean during those months.

Alaska cruise season is shorter, from April through October, and that tighter window translates to higher prices. Because Alaska cruises aren’t year-round, many passengers take advantage of those trips during the summer months and go on Caribbean cruises in the winter.

### Where are they visiting?

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# brilliant five diamonds

*Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Resort has maintained AAA Five Diamonds consecutively since 1991*

A statement on their website says it all: “Abloom with the vibrant spirit of the west, our AAA Five Diamond wonderland re-energizes and reinvigorates desert escapism through imaginative amenities and experiences you won’t soon forget.”

The iconic Arizona resort has been named a AAA Timeless Diamond hotel for consistently delivering first-class hospitality since 1991. AAA Timeless Diamonds are the longest-running AAA Five Diamond properties that set the standard others follow.

“Fairmont Scottsdale Princess isn’t just a remarkable resort; it’s an unforgettable experience,” said Stacey Barber, Vice President of AAA Travel. “For nearly 35 years, the Princess has been raising the bar to deliver dream stays for

AAA members and all guests. What the team has created and continues to build on is nothing short of amazing. We congratulate the Princess for its commitment to excellence and creativity.”

“Our undying commitment to our culture, built on love, respect, joy and collaboration, has been the guiding light of the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess. Our team is passionate, dedicated, innovative, and relentlessly guest-focused – they are truly the heartbeat of this property,” says Jack Miller, Regional Vice President and General Manager of the Princess. “It’s their drive and creativity that have shaped the Princess into an iconic destination – one where the community gathers at our events and guests celebrate their milestones with us. From creating traditions like Christmas

at the Princess to delivering world-class experiences every day, our people are the reason we continue to raise the bar. We have lived these values since 1991, and that is what has made the Princess Arizona’s largest and longest running AAA Five Diamond hotel.”

Set against the backdrop of Arizona’s McDowell Mountains, the AAA Five Diamond Fairmont Scottsdale Princess reflects its Southwestern setting with Spanish colonial-style architecture, expansive plazas and lush, flower-filled gardens. The resort features 750 guest rooms, including 120 newly renovated Privado Villa, six heated swimming pools, the luxurious 44,000 square foot Well & Being Spa featuring Sisley Paris Spa, championship golf at the adjacent TPC Scottsdale, as well as Trailblazers Kids Club. Dining options include





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**Taliesin West**, Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home and studio from 1937 until his passing in 1959, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and among our favorite things to do in Scottsdale. 7.1 miles from the Princess: 38 minutes biking, 18 minutes driving.

#### Local Attractions - For the Family

The largest aquarium in the United States, **OdySea** is home to more than 30,000 animals and spans more than 200,000 square feet. 9.2 miles from the Princess: 48 minutes biking, 16 minutes driving.

One of the top three children's museums in the nation, the **Children's Museum of Phoenix** is a wondrous place of imagination, inspiration, and creativity with more than 300 interactive play areas. 23.9 miles from the Princess: 32 miles driving.

Since opening in 1962, the **Phoenix Zoo** has connected visitors with the natural world through exhibits, conservation efforts, and engaging events. 19 miles from the Princess: 29 miles driving.

Additional places of interest include the Heard Museum,

Cosanti-Paolo Soleri Windbells, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Old Town Scottsdale, Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Legoland Discovery Center, The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale Museum of the West, The Arizona Science Center, Pioneer Living History Museum, Butterfly Wonderland, Arizona Cowboy College, Bearizona, Biltmore Fashion Park and more.

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# AAA Report: Safety Aspect of Road Debris

Road debris presents a significant threat to traffic safety. It can contribute to crashes directly when vehicles are struck by objects actively falling or strike debris lying on the road. It can also contribute to crashes indirectly, when drivers crash while performing sudden evasive maneuvers to attempt to avoid debris. However, research on the danger posed by road debris is limited, due to limitations in how road debris is recorded in national crash databases.

The purpose of this research, conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, was to estimate the number of crashes, injuries, and deaths attributable to road debris in the United States, and to examine the nature and likely sources of debris to inform potential countermeasures.

## Methodology

To estimate the national prevalence of crashes involving road debris from 2018 – 2023, the study employed a two-stage approach integrating in-depth review of police crash reports with national-level crash data.

First, 901 police reports from crashes in the state of Michigan were reviewed in depth to determine the frequency of actual debris involvement in crashes with general characteristics suggestive of possible debris involvement. These included crashes in which a vehicle struck or was struck by a non-fixed object or crashed while attempting to avoid such an object. The research team reviewed officer narratives and scene diagrams to determine whether each crash actually involved road debris.

Next, national crash databases compiled by the United States Department of Transportation were used to determine the total number of crashes with characteristics suggestive of possible debris involvement. The results of the in-depth review of Michigan police crash reports were then used in conjunction with these national statistics to estimate how many crashes nationwide were likely to have actually involved road debris. The study also analyzed the types and likely sources of debris to identify common hazards and inform the development of targeted safety countermeasures.

## Results

Findings indicate that road debris was a factor in an estimated 319,724 motor vehicle crashes, 32,802 injuries, and 433 fatalities in the United States between 2018 and 2023, averaging approximately 53,000 crashes, 5,500 injuries, and 72 deaths annually.

The most common sources of debris identified in crashes included vehicle parts that had detached from other vehicles; miscellaneous cargo, tools, and building materials; as well as natural debris such as tree branches and roadkill.

Among crashes with general characteristics suggestive of possible debris involvement, debris was more likely to be confirmed as a factor in lower-severity crashes than in fatal or serious injury crashes. Among debris-related crashes, those in which the driver crashed after attempting to avoid the debris tended to be more severe than crashes in which the vehicle struck or was struck by debris.

Findings from this research highlight road debris as a significant but understudied factor in traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities across the United States. The majority of crashes examined in this study involved debris originating from other vehicles, followed by vehicle cargo, commonly furniture, sporting equipment, and other miscellaneous objects.

A coordinated effort is needed to address road debris as a safety issue. National and state agencies should implement countermeasures, such as standardized crash documentation, prioritized debris removal, and consistent enforcement of laws regarding load securement. Drivers can also help reduce debris-related crash risks by securing their cargo, maintaining their vehicles, and adopting defensive driving techniques.

## State Laws and Penalties

All fifty states require drivers to secure their cargo. Penalties for unsecured loads resulting in crashes range from \$10 to \$2,500, and in some cases, jail time. The penalty in Pennsylvania is a fine of \$100-\$1,000.



# Destinations & Diversions

## Enjoy Berks' Winter Wonderland Out-of-Doors

A sure cure for cabin fever is a hike in the great outdoors. With an abundance of backwoods to explore and enjoy, it's easy to immerse yourself in the peaceful, uncrowded and snow-blanketed Berks trails. Here are some opportunities for the adventurous.

The Philly Trail Wanderers is a group for Philadelphia-area hikers who enjoy sharing outdoor explorations with other hiking enthusiasts. Experienced hikers looking to challenge themselves can join the Philly Trail Wanderers for two difficult-class hikes in our area this month.

### **The Pinnacle, Pulpit Rock Loop**

Saturday, January 10 9:30am

Hamburg Reservoir, Windsor Twp.

Pulpit Rock is a mountain trail climbing up to the Pinnacle, a prominent rocky overlook. The scenic trail covers just under ten miles, with an elevation gain of 1,259 feet and can take four to five hours to complete.

Considered by some to be one of the best loop hikes in the area, trekkers are rewarded with some of the finest views along the Appalachian Trail, since the Pinnacle is the highest point on the Blue Mountain ridge along the AT.

### **Winter Leg Destroyer Hike**

Saturday, January 17 9:00am

Port Clinton, Schuylkill County

If you're an experienced hiker and enjoy a challenging trail, you might want to join the Philly Trail Wanderers' Winter Leg Destroyer Hike in nearby Port Clinton.

The group will meet at the Port Clinton softball/baseball field to prepare to scramble straight up Blue

Mountain ridge - 1000 vertical feet in half a mile!

You'll have a chance to slow your roll and enjoy the view with a ridgeline walk along Auburn Lookout before navigating the steep descent back to the origin point in Port Clinton.

The three-hour hike will be on state game lands, so be sure to wear a piece of blaze orange or brightly colored clothing.

These rain/shine events will cancel for severe weather. For more information, visit the link to the AllTrails map: <https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/pennsylvania/auburn-lookout-via-schuylkill-river-leg-destroyer-and-appalachian-trail-loop>.

For those who prefer experiencing nature when the temps are a little warmer, consider taking part in the **Spring Hydrostatic** event on Saturday, May 2 at Blue Marsh Lake. The event is advertised as a "No Fees, No Awards, No Aid, No Whining" 21-mile hiking and running event.

The event is organized by Adventure Junkie Hiking, with additional information on the Meetup.com social media platform.

The National Park Service has these tips for winter hiking ([nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)):

- Be prepared. Bring the right gear - layers of clothing, warm outer layers, sunglasses and sunscreen, and lots of water and salty snacks. Traction devices are always recommended when walking on ice and snow.

- Know where you are going. Don't rely on cell phones. Many areas have no service. Carry a map and compass (or GPS) and know how to use them.

- Check the weather forecast.

Weather can change quickly, especially if you are visiting higher elevations.

- Know your route. Snow-covered landscapes look very different than in summer. Snow can be deep once you are off trail.

- Don't rely on others' tracks which can lead you astray. Be aware that it is common courtesy not to trample on existing cross-country ski tracks as it can trip up skiers.

### **Winter Hiking Essentials**

- Food: Eat a good meal before your trip.

- First Aid Kit: Band-aids, ace wrap, antiseptic, moleskin, etc.

- Map: Not all trails are well-marked in winter, maps are helpful tools.

- Water: Plain and some with electrolyte replacement.

- Appropriate footwear: Waterproof boots or gaiters to keep snow and mud out of your boots.

- Over-the-shoe traction devices: It will only take a short and unexpected stretch of ice to make you glad you have extra traction.

- Hiking Poles: For help with footing on icy trails.

- Whistle and/or Signal Mirror: For emergency use, know how to use your equipment.

- Waterproof/Warm/Sweat-Wicking Clothing: Parka, hat, gloves for the snow and rain, plus an extra set of dry clothing.

Experiencing nature during the winter months can be rewarding. Being prepared for seasonal and activity-related challenges will ensure a pleasurable venture.



# Nighttime PAEB - Improved, Not Perfect

AAA evaluated vehicles equipped with pedestrian automatic emergency braking (PAEB) systems, building on findings from a study conducted in 2019. The findings reveal that nighttime PAEB impact avoidance improved from 0% in 2019 to 60% in 2025. The team also investigated whether outfitting the pedestrian target with an ANSI Class 3 ensemble, the type of high-visibility clothing used by roadside assistance providers, affects the performance of the evaluated PAEB systems. The impact of high-visibility clothing on PAEB systems varied under nighttime conditions, ranging from improved avoidance to a complete loss of detection.

"Recent improvements in pedestrian automatic emergency braking systems are promising; however, there is still more work to be done," said Greg Brannon, AAA's Director of Automotive Engineering Research. "Most pedestrian fatalities occur at night, and these systems can make a significant difference during those hours. However, mixed performances with high-visibility clothing indicate that further refinement and testing are necessary to save more lives, including those of our roadside assistance providers."

In partnership with the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center, AAA evaluated four vehicles with PAEB. Testing was conducted on a closed course using a robotic pedestrian adult crossing in front of the test vehicles traveling at 25 mph. Tests were conducted during the day and night with the adult pedestrian dressed in both standard, non-reflective clothing and ANSI Class 3 high-visibility apparel.

## Key Findings:

1. Overall, nighttime PAEB impact avoidance improved from 0% in 2019 to 60% in 2025.
2. The ANSI Class 3 high-visibility clothing had no negative effect on PAEB performance during the daytime, avoiding a collision 95% of the time. Also, varied PAEB responses at nighttime ranged from improved avoidance to complete loss of detection.

Detection and response inconsistency poses ongoing risks to pedestrian safety, given that over 75 percent of pedestrian fatalities occur after dark. Recent findings from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety revealed pedestrian fatalities in the U.S. rose by over 80% in the past 15 years, with this increase occurring on urban arterial roads and after dark.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2023 an estimated 7,314 pedestrians were killed, and more than 68,000 pedestrians were injured nationwide. Additional concerns are raised when considering AAA's roadside assistance providers wear high-visibility

gear while working in high-speed traffic or hazardous environments. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety analysis of data from the Emergency Responder Safety Institute found an average of 23 roadside assistance providers a year, including tow providers, were struck and killed by vehicles while working at the roadside in the years 2020-2024.

AAA recommends drivers always remember:

- Pedestrian Automatic Emergency Braking (PAEB) systems are never a substitute for an engaged driver. Do not rely on pedestrian detection systems to prevent a crash.
- Drive with extra caution at night, as this is the riskiest time for pedestrians.
- Remember to stay alert! Engaging in risky driving behaviors such as speeding, texting, driving while drowsy or distracted, or driving under the influence of cannabis or alcohol significantly increases the risk of a collision. Follow speed limits, keep your smartphone out of reach, and only drive when sober.
- Read the owner's manual to understand what safety systems the vehicle is equipped with and how they operate.

Drivers are responsible for yielding to pedestrians, but those traveling on foot should also be vigilant. Pedestrians should stay cautious by staying on sidewalks and using crosswalks whenever possible. Always obey traffic signals, look both ways before crossing the street, and refrain from walking and texting or engaging with your phone. Be extra careful at nighttime, even while wearing high-visibility clothing.

Manufacturers should enhance the reliability of PAEB systems during nighttime conditions. Evaluations should also consider the system's effectiveness when pedestrians wear different types of apparel, particularly high-visibility clothing.

Regulators and standards organizations are encouraged to improve pedestrian safety protocols by including more nighttime scenarios involving high-visibility apparel. Expanding evaluation practices will provide a better assessment of PAEB performance and help reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

To protect roadside assistance providers, drivers with disabled vehicles, and others, and to improve highway safety, AAA offers these precautionary tips:

- Remain alert, avoid distractions, focus on driving task.
- Keep an eye out for situations where emergency vehicles, tow trucks, utility service vehicles or disabled vehicles are stopped on the side of the road.
- When you see these situations, slow down and, if possible, move one lane over and away from the people and vehicles stopped at the side of the road.

# AAR - Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence

AAA is proudly celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Approved Auto Repair (AAR) program! Since its inception, the AAR program has connected drivers with auto repair services that uphold the highest standards of quality and affordability.

"Fifty years ago, we recognized a huge gap in the automotive repair marketplace, where consumer frustration was all too common," said Margaret Pittelkow, Vice President of AAA Automotive Services. "Today, our AAR program stands as a testament to AAA's commitment to supporting drivers in their journey, providing them peace of mind and a hassle-free repair experience."

With a network of over 7,000 AAR facilities throughout the United States and Canada, AAA has made it easier than ever for consumers to find trustworthy service providers. Designed to alleviate the stress and uncertainty often associated with auto repair, AAR shops are evaluated against AAA's rigorous, industry-leading standards, ensuring that motorists receive high-quality service every time.

## Reputable Technicians

Each AAA Approved Auto Repair facility employs highly trained professionals, ensuring they meet the highest standards of automotive repair. Regular inspections by AAA further guarantee that these facilities maintain the quality and integrity that consumers deserve.

- ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified technicians must pass a rigorous exam and meet specific experience requirements to become ASE Certified, which provides tangible proof of their expertise and builds customer confidence.

- Factory-trained professionals are individuals who have received specialized training directly from a product's manufacturer to service, maintain, or repair that specific product.

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Mentorship program announced the launch of a new automotive apprenticeship program to support the development of the next generation of automotive repair professionals in the industry. The program, made available to AAA's Approved Auto Repair facilities, is designed to provide valuable hands-on experience through expert guidance from industry leaders.

## Quality Repair Excellence

AAA Approved Auto Repair shops deliver exceptional experience for car owners, with a broad range of services designed to meet various automotive needs. These services include everything from routine maintenance—such as oil changes, tire rotations, and brake inspections—to more complex repairs like engine diagnostics and transmission rebuilds. Many of these shops also have specialized expertise in specific areas, such as hybrid vehicle repairs or advanced computer diagnostics, allowing them

to provide tailored solutions for diverse automotive challenges. This commitment to quality and specialization ensures that customers receive reliable and thorough care for their vehicles.

For consumers and AAA members, the benefits of choosing an AAR facility are clear. From friendly and approachable service staff to exceptional repair quality, AAA's Approved Auto Repair shops are dedicated to making car maintenance as seamless as possible. As AAA continues to serve millions of members each year with roadside assistance—an iconic service first introduced in 1915—the AAR program complements this tradition by delivering trustworthy repair solutions at discounted rates.

"We invite everyone to experience the AAA Approved Auto Repair difference," continued Pittelkow. "Say goodbye to the guesswork and enjoy a reliable repair experience, knowing that you're in capable hands."

For shop owners interested in participating in the AAA Approved Auto Repair program, learn more. To find a AAA Approved Auto Repair facility near you, visit [AAA.com/AAR](http://AAA.com/AAR).



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The Arctic offers true beauty in countries like Greenland, Norway, and Iceland. The ice-sculpted fjords, ancient coastal villages, and snow-dusted mountains under northern lights are a spectacle to see.

Have enough cold? In the Galápagos, tropical warmth replaces the polar chill. Marine iguanas bask

on black lava, and snorkelers drift over turtles and vibrant fish under clear blue seas.

Throughout these journeys HX blends adventure with learning. Onboard lectures, science-center programs, and expert-led landings invite travelers not only to see, but to understand. HX Expeditions offers an experience where exploration becomes deeper than travel. Some travelers are tourists, others like to change the way they see the world.





## Only a Call Away: Assistance on the PA Turnpike

The Pennsylvania Turnpike connects families, links communities, and empowers industries. Across 565-plus miles, it provides safe, efficient and convenient travel through and around the Commonwealth.

Although most journeys conclude smoothly, roadside incidents, such as flat tires or mechanical failures, can occur. Members traveling on the PA Turnpike who need support are doubly protected, thanks to AAA benefits and the PA Turnpike's existing roadside assistance program.

### Immediate Assistance

For disablements on the PA Turnpike, call the AAA Roadside Assistance number on the front of your AAA card - 610-374-7433.

Disabled vehicles not impeding traffic or otherwise creating a safety hazard may be towed by a provider of the driver's choice. However, the Turnpike Operations Center (TOC) should still be notified of the arrangements made for vehicle removal. Safety is the Turnpike's biggest priority, so they may still staff the scene with a member of their GEICO Safety Patrol until the vehicle is towed, free of charge.

Anyone with a cellular device can dial \*11 (or 1-800-332-3880) to report incidents or request emergency assistance along the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The line connects directly to the PA TOC in Middletown, Dauphin County, where operators and state police are available 24/7.

Functioning similarly to county 911 centers, the TOC focuses solely on PA Turnpike incidents. The computer-assisted dispatch (CAD) system is integrated with statewide

county dispatch systems, enabling the nearest emergency personnel to respond, which includes sending a AAA provider.

For emergencies, calling 911 along the PA Turnpike is always an option.

Help might also arrive before drivers pick up the phone. TOC dispatchers constantly monitor the roadway's camera network, allowing proactive maintenance or early intervention for disabled motorists. The dedicated Pennsylvania State Police force, Troop T, monitors the roadway around the clock. So does the GEICO Safety Patrol, staffed by PA Turnpike maintenance workers, who provide support and assistance for motorists.

### Coordination with AAA

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission uses contracted service providers that respond to disabled vehicles, flat tires and other issues. The majority of our authorized service providers are also AAA providers and usually arrive on scene within 45 minutes.

Towing rates depend on mileage from the breakdown point on the PA Turnpike to the authorized service provider's facility - and is based on your AAA membership. If a customer wants to be towed elsewhere, the provider may charge standard rates, with payment arrangements set beforehand. Depending on AAA membership or specific insurance policies that cover towing, drivers may have this service covered.

AAA members should check with their club if fees may be waived.

### While You're Waiting for Help

- If safe to do so, drive your car as far out of the active lanes of travel as possible. Move your vehicle to the

shoulder, a wide area, service plaza, or off an exit, if feasible. Turn on your car's hazard lights and immediately call the AAA Roadside Service phone number 610-374-7433.

- Stay in your vehicle when close to or in travel lanes.

- Pennsylvania's 'Move Over' law requires drivers to move over or slow down no more than 20 mph below the posted speed limit when encountering an emergency scene, traffic stop or disabled vehicle, including turnpike maintenance vehicles and tow trucks.

### Additional Discounts

E-ZPass customers save 50% on tolls. Having an E-ZPass is especially important east of Reading and along the Northeast Extension, where Open Road Tolling (ORT) is live.

With ORT, tolling points are moved from interchanges to the roadway. Tolls are charged electronically as customers drive at highway speeds without slowing down or stopping beneath overhead structures - called gantries - located between interchanges. Equipment on the gantry and on the roadway classifies and identifies the vehicle and electronically processes tolls.

Keeping E-ZPass accounts up to date, with accurate license plate and credit card information, is critical. Checking your account before an upcoming trip is recommended if you haven't logged on lately.

Driver safety is a top priority at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. By investing in protective systems and technologies and collaborating with organizations like AAA, it is working to provide safe, reliable travel across the Commonwealth.

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April 16-19, 2026

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Thursday, June 18, 2026

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## Blue Angels in Baltimore

Sunday, June 28, 2026

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As seen on the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and the Today Show!

## Conrail History & East Broad Top RR Ramble

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Rates based on the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania membership status:  
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the spring when thousands of cherry blossom trees  
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Avenue from 7th Street towards the Tidal Basin  
where a queen of the festival is crowned. This trip  
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## Mystery Tour!

Thursday May 21, 2026  
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## Gettysburg Highlights

Thursday July 23, 2026 \$179\* pp  
Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum, Dobbin  
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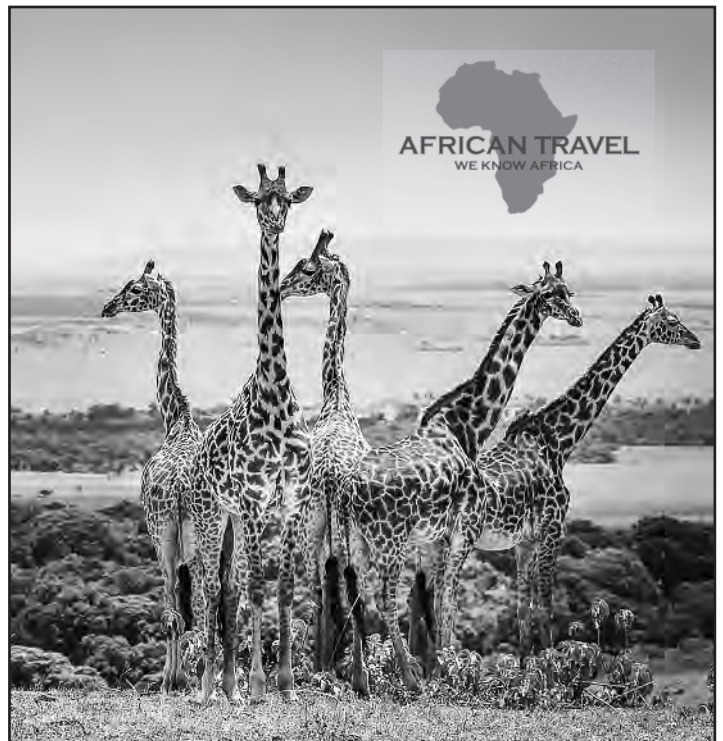
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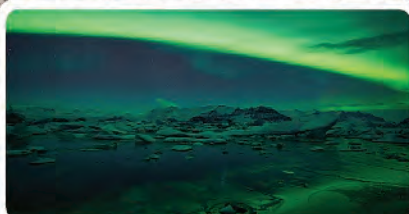
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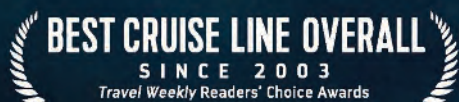


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