# ADDITONAL SAFETY MEASURES

Recently, some new safety measures have been put into place to prevent death and injury on Delaware roadways. You may have seen some of the following:

- ✓ Flashing amber lights mounted atop Amish buggies
- ✓ Reflective tape for the horses' ankles, to improve night-time visibility
- ✓ Reflective tape on the back and sides of the buggies for added illumination



## PLEASE SHARE THE ROAD

Remember, the Amish are just trying to reach their destination in the safest way possible, the same as you.

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## SAFE DRIVING

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#### **DELAWARE'S**

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## **BE ALERT**

Horse-drawn buggies are dark in color, usually travel less than 10 mph, and are difficult to pick out at dusk or at night. Motorists may find themselves coming upon a horse-drawn vehicle very suddenly, giving rise to a potentially dangerous situation.

One hazard to consider is that horses are unpredictable and even the most road-safe horse can be "spooked" by fast moving motor vehicles.



Don't get frustrated or impatient and begin honking the horn – this will only startle the horse and jeopardize lives. Be sure to slow down when approaching and passing, allow plenty of room, and only pass if it is legal, and conditions allow.

Another potential hazard is driving too closely behind a horsedrawn vehicle. Not only is this frightening to the family inside the buggy, it may impair your visibility. Be sure to maintain a safe traveling distance behind any horse-drawn vehicle. Remember, whenever possible, the Amish community will use the shoulder of the road.

# SLOW MOVING VEHICLES



The slow moving vehicle sign, a fluorescent orange triangle, is commonly found on construction equipment, farm equipment, and animal-drawn vehicles. The sign is there to alert the motoring public to slow down and use caution.