



Slow Down. Move Over. Pass with Care and 4 Feet to Spare!

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New Jersey's Safe Passing Law

New Jersey's new Safe Passing Law went into effect on March 1, 2022. With one of the strongest and most comprehensive safe passing laws in the country, New Jersey can now better protect vulnerable road users.

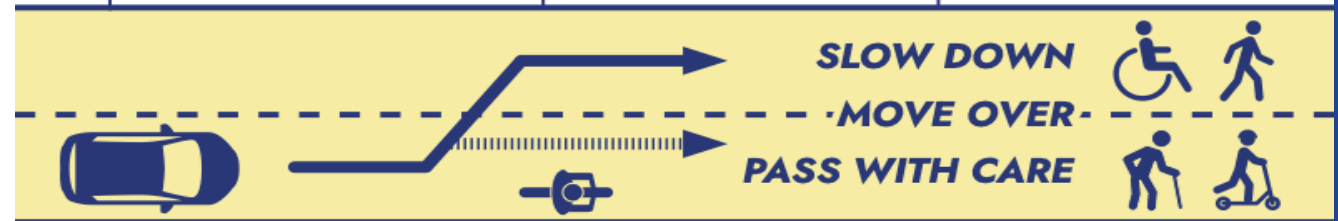
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Starting March 1, 2022, when driving and approaching a road user who isn't in a motor vehicle, you must:

- 1** Approach with caution. Follow all no-passing and no-speeding laws.
- 2** Change lanes, or pass at least 4 feet from the person.
- 3** Otherwise, reduce speed to 25mph and be prepared to stop.

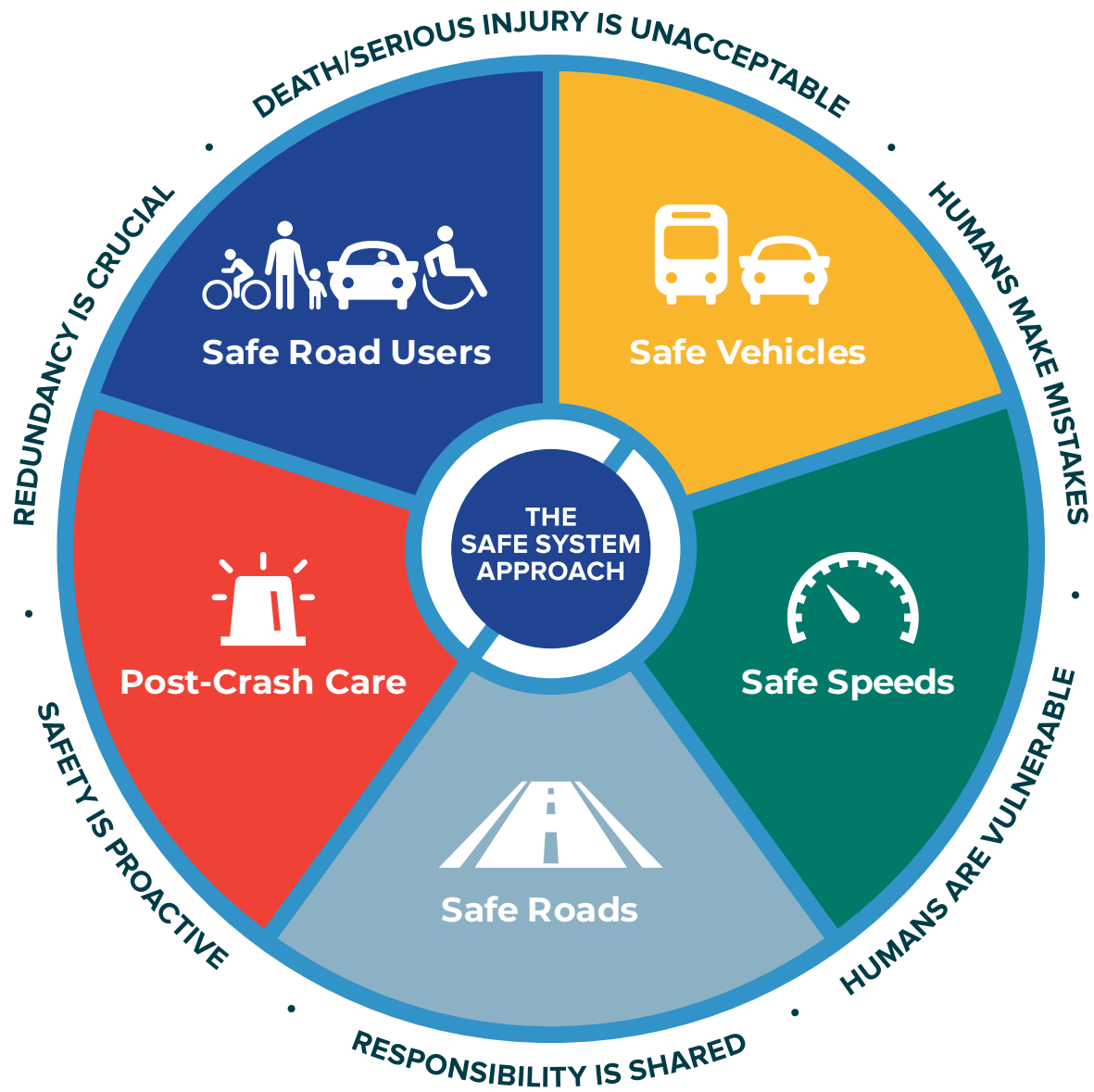


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The penalty for violating the law is a **\$100 fine (\$500 if bodily injury)** and **2 points** on your driving record.





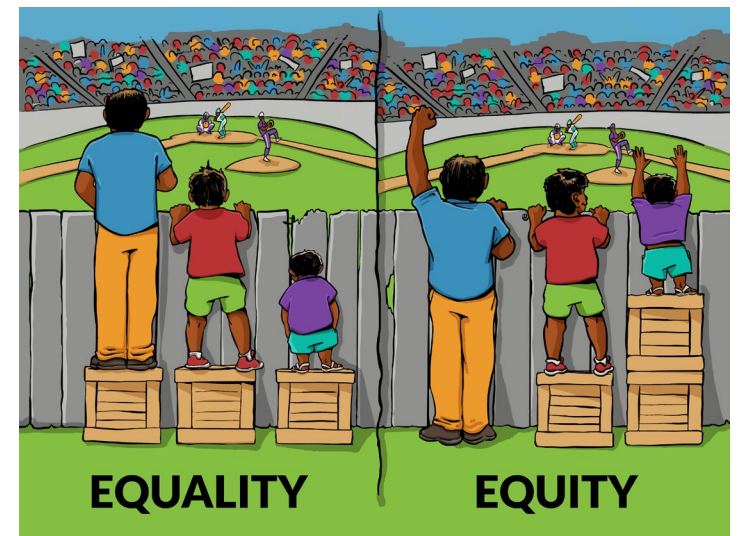
Equality & Equity

Equality = Same seat at the table.

Equity = Recognizes vulnerable populations & underserved communities have different circumstances. Solutions need to prioritize needs.



Image Source: Santa Rosa Health Department, Florida

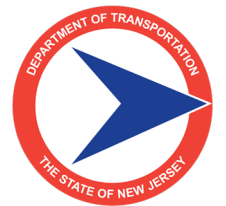
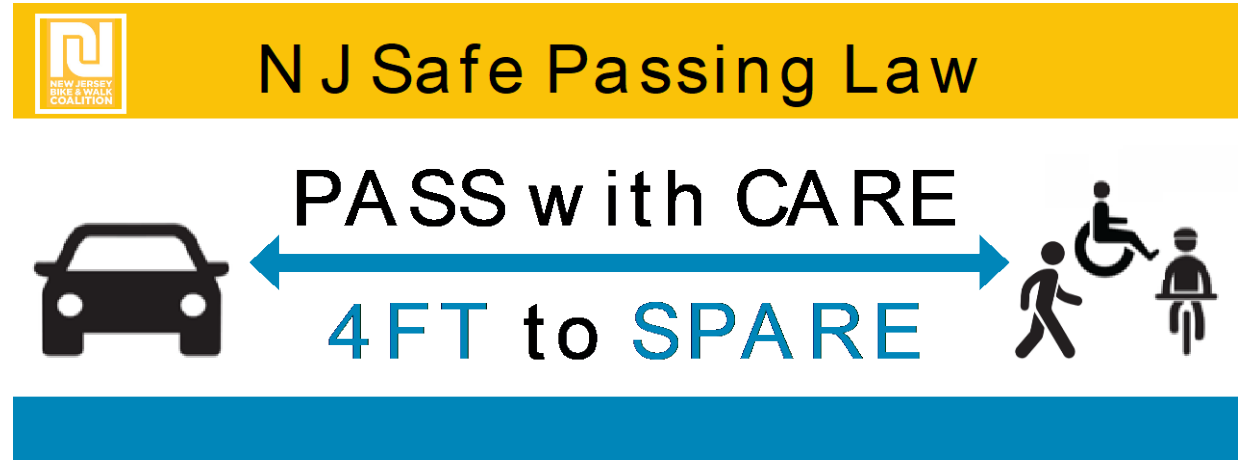


Building An Awareness Campaign for New Jersey's Safe Passing Law and other laws designed to keep those on our streets outside of cars safe

Provide easy to access resources for partners to help spread the word

Create a Safe Passing Law Implementation Plan as part of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Work with partners to implement that plan



Resources to Spread the Word

NJBWC's Safe Passing Law Resource Center
<https://njbwc.org/safepass4nj/>

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT, NEWS, ESSEX-HUDSON GREENWAY, **NJ SAFE PASSING LAW**, NJ BIKE & WALK SUMMIT, BIKE DEPOTS, BIKE ED, and RESOURCES. The main content area is organized into a grid of sections:

- Latest News & Press Releases:** Stay up-to-date with the latest news and press releases about the NJ Safe Passing Law. [Read Latest News >>](#)
- Details of the Law:** What is the NJ Safe Passing Law and what does it mean for you as a driver or other road user? Find out here. [Read Details >>](#)
- Social Media Toolkit:** Help us spread the word! Share these social media materials with your network and tell your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to drive safe and pass with care. [Get Social Media Toolkit >>](#)
- Downloads & Resources:** Find additional materials that can be used to participate in the NJ Safe Passing Law Campaign: messaging, graphics, videos, photos, etc. [Get Downloads >>](#)
- Frequently Asked Questions:** New laws can be confusing, and we want to help! Find the answers to your questions here. [Read FAQs >>](#)
- How You Can Help:** The more people that know about the NJ Safe Passing Law, the more effective it will be. Find out how you can help raise awareness! [Volunteer to Help >>](#)
- Statewide Links:** View useful links and information from the NJ



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Pedestrian and Bicycle Emphasis Area – Priority Action

Engage Motor Vehicle Commission, other agencies and partners on recent updates to laws and regulations related to pedestrians, bicyclists, and scooters that should be reflected in driver education and testing. Make recommendations regarding educational outreach to the public.



Safe Passing Law Implementation Plan

- Goal 1: Educate drivers and increase awareness about the Safe Passing Law through NJMVC.
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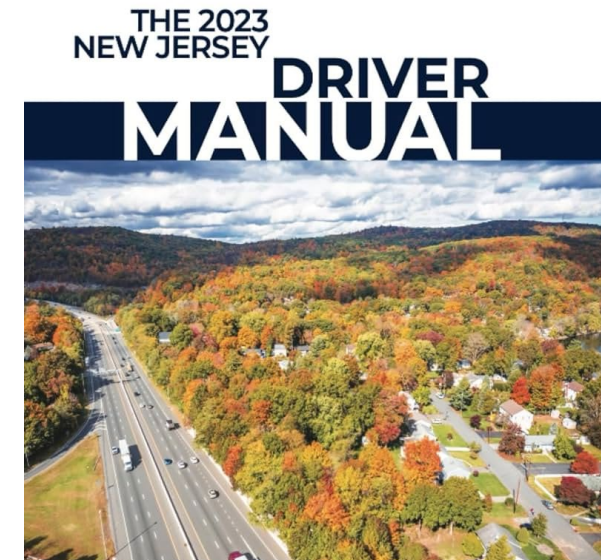
Actions	Timeframe	Partners
1. Update driver manuals presented in driver's education classes and on MVC's website to include information on the Safe Passing Law.	Short	NJMVC
2. Expand the road test to incorporate a maneuver practicing safe passing according to the Safe Passing Law.	Long	NJMVC
3. Ensure that driver's license written examination questions concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety, including safely sharing the roadway, (as required by 2018 legislation) are consistent with the Safe Passing Law.	Short	NJMVC
4. Explore the distribution of tools, guidance, and promotional materials about the Safe Passing Law through the process of renewing a driver's license.	Long	NJMVC
5. Expand remedial driver programs to include information on the Safe Passing Law.	Long	NJMVC
6. Evaluate how to place a PSA video about the Safe Passing Law in MVC centers.	Short	NJMVC
7. Expand the defensive driving course curricula and final exam to include the safe passing law.	Long	NJMVC, AAA
8. Encourage the design of a motor vehicle inspection sticker with a PSA on the Safe Passing Law.	Long	NJMVC

Pictured above is an example of how are goals are achieved.

How MVC Spread the Word About the Safe Passing Law

Updated the New Jersey Driver's Manual to increase awareness of the Safe Passing Law with assistance from partners

Motorists should also follow the Safe Passing Law, which states that drivers must approach and pass vulnerable road users with "due caution." "Due caution" means both slowing down and giving the other user plenty of space when passing: (1) Drivers must follow all current no passing and no speeding laws and move over a lane if there is one to move into, (2) On a single-lane road, drivers must allow at least a 4-foot safety zone when they pass, and (3) If 4 feet is not possible on a section of road, drivers must slow to 25 mph and be prepared to stop until they can pass safely without endangering those sharing the road. Drivers who do not follow the Safe Passing Law and cause bodily injury as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:11-1 shall be fined \$500 and assessed two motor vehicle penalty points; if no bodily injury results, the violator shall be fined \$100 and shall not be assessed any penalty points (N.J.S.A. 39:4-92.4).



Excerpt from the New Jersey Driver's Manual

How MVC Spread the Word About the Safe Passing Law

Worked with partners to draft language for an update to the Share the Keys Manual for youthful drivers

Pedestrians

Remember, drivers must stop for pedestrians in crosswalks and approach people on the road cautiously. Here are some additional tips to increase awareness and keep pedestrians safe:

- When passing a person who is sharing the road, change lanes or pass at least four feet from the person, otherwise slow down to 25 mph and be prepared to stop until it is safe to pass

Bicyclists

Always treat bicyclists, skateboarders, and inline skaters with the same level of respect you show other vehicles. Here are some additional tips to help you safely share the road with anyone traveling on wheels:

- When passing a bicyclist, change lanes or pass at least four feet from the cyclist, otherwise slow down to 25 mph and be prepared to stop until safe to pass

How MVC Spread the Word About the Safe Passing Law

Currently running a short closed-captioned PSA in all 39 agencies promoting the Safe Passing Law



Next Steps for the Action Team

Continue to work with partners to implement changes to their websites, manuals and curriculum

Review and clarify laws for e-bikes and scooters and make corresponding recommendation for updates to website, manuals and curriculums

Review literature on effective campaign strategies and measuring success.

Make recommendations to update existing materials and to develop future awareness campaigns going forward.

How You Can Help Spread the Word

Warm finally! More of us riding.
Charlie's talked to family and friends about the new NJ Safe Passing Law. Have you? Urge them to see all of us like they know us, slow down, move over and pass with room to spare. Thanks, Charlie!



Share social media posts and the graphic resources

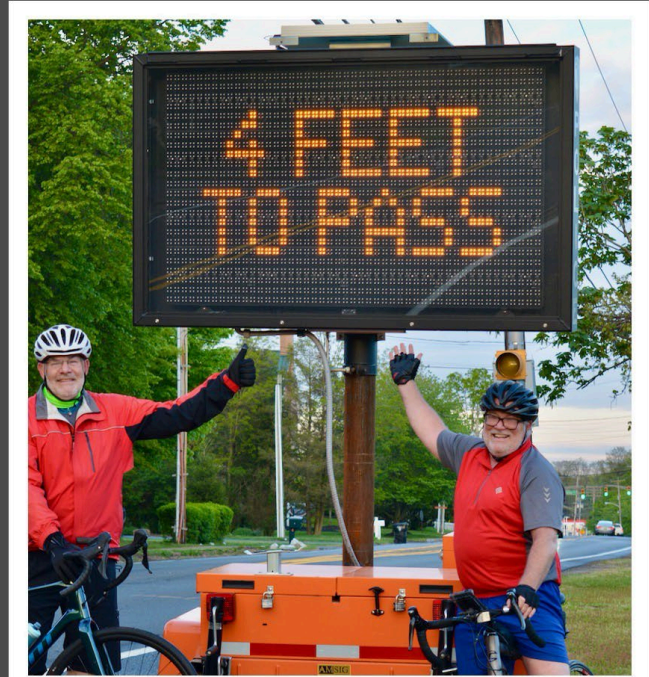


Create a safety town event and include the SPL with existing town events



How You Can Help Spread the Word

- Connect with your local police departments to use their mobile message boards to promote the SPL
- Arrange photo opportunities with local police departments to promote the law
- Partner with local police to conduct live community forums to discuss the law



Middletown Township Thompson Park, Lincroft NJ

How You Can Help Spread the Word

- Request a presentation from NJBWC
- Bumper stickers for Local governments vehicles

To order bumper stickers please contact:

Paul Mickiewicz at paul.mick@njbwc.org

Sign the Pledge:

<https://njbwc.org/safepass4nj/safe-passing-pledge/>



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Thank you



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