

DRIVER IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Provide this envelope to the officer with your driver's license

What to put inside your envelope:

- ✓ Vehicle registration card
- ✓ Vehicle insurance card
- ✓ Emergency contact information

Driver is: ☐ Verbal ☐ Non-Verbal
Important information about this driver:

Driver Instructions:

- Keep hands on the steering wheel until instructed otherwise.
- Inform the officer that you have a Blue Envelope.
- Retrieve documents only when directed by the officer.
- Be aware that flashing lights and loud noises may be present.
- The officer may shine a flashlight into your vehicle.
- The officer will go back to their vehicle. Wait in your car until the officer comes back.
- The officer will explain the end of the stop and tell you when to leave. They will return the Blue Envelope and its contents to you.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTISM AWARENESS GUIDE ON BACK OF THIS ENVELOPE



ATTENTION: Law Enforcement Autism Awareness Guide

- Individuals may exhibit signs of high anxiety especially due to bright lights and loud noises.
- Allow driver extra time to respond. Driver may need more time to formulate a response.
- Speak clearly and use simple language. Avoid unnecessary detail.
- Individuals may display repetitive body movement or fidgeting and may not make eye contact.
- If the driver becomes upset, consider contacting the person listed on the contact card in the envelope.
- Clearly tell the driver when the stop is over, and that they may leave.

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