

Amish The Simple Life...



No Pictures !

It all stems from Exodus 20:4: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

Humble

Forgiveness, Remorse, & Reconciliation:
Lessons Learned from the Amish



But What are they saying???

Amish people speak a language other than English. The Amish all speak a language called Pennsylvania Dutch which is a dialect of German similar to that used in northern Germany. The children are all raised in a household speaking Pennsylvania Dutch and are later taught English when they start school. All Amish church services are also given in Pennsylvania Dutch.

Education

- On average the Amish attend school until 8th grade

Focus on the “Basics”

16 years old is typically tops

“Home School” no nonsense commonsense

Community Resources



Consider Farmers Market



How can I help?



Volunteers



The Amish also do not have insurance and therefore must rely on the community to band together to help with emergencies

Enter the Deacon



Health at Home

- One or two trusted Doctors, PA's or Nurse Practitioners for a whole community
- Engage conversations about health related issues, Chickenpox, Mumps, Tetanus...



Safe... Not So Safe..



Workers...



Yup Still Happening Today...



Working The Fields



All work and no play...



Rumspringa Go find your way...



English and Amish World Collide



Buggies don't bend... They break...

- All accidents have a high index of suspicion for major injuries, regardless of who is walking around.
- Ask about ALL occupants of the Buggy (ejection of children common).
- Are all occupants still on scene?
- What type of buggy is it transport vs. Agriculture
- Women Pregnancy ??? Be Clear on this !!!
- Who do we need (if anyone) at the scene?
- Speed of other vehicle involved?
- Seem concerned about the Horse, relate injuries of the Horse to the occupants.



But what can we do...



??? This ???



Prevention



Adding signage to routes



It's all about perspective



One perspective

- One Heuvelton sect (very conservative) believe the orange color is too flashy and believe forcing them to use them violates religious freedoms
- “it’s too fancy, it suggests a reliance on man-made remedies rather than God. It’s a man-made symbol and the will of God should not be second guessed by a warning symbol”
(Spokesmen for the Swartzentruber Amish)

Engage the Bishop



What the Law say's

- NYS DMV has ruled that, for the Amish vehicles drawn by animals, they must display a SMV sign OR at least 72 square inches of a high quality white or whitish- grey reflective tape, and if at night, a lighted lantern with a red lens at least 4 inches in diameter.

What works for other areas?



“Mandatory”

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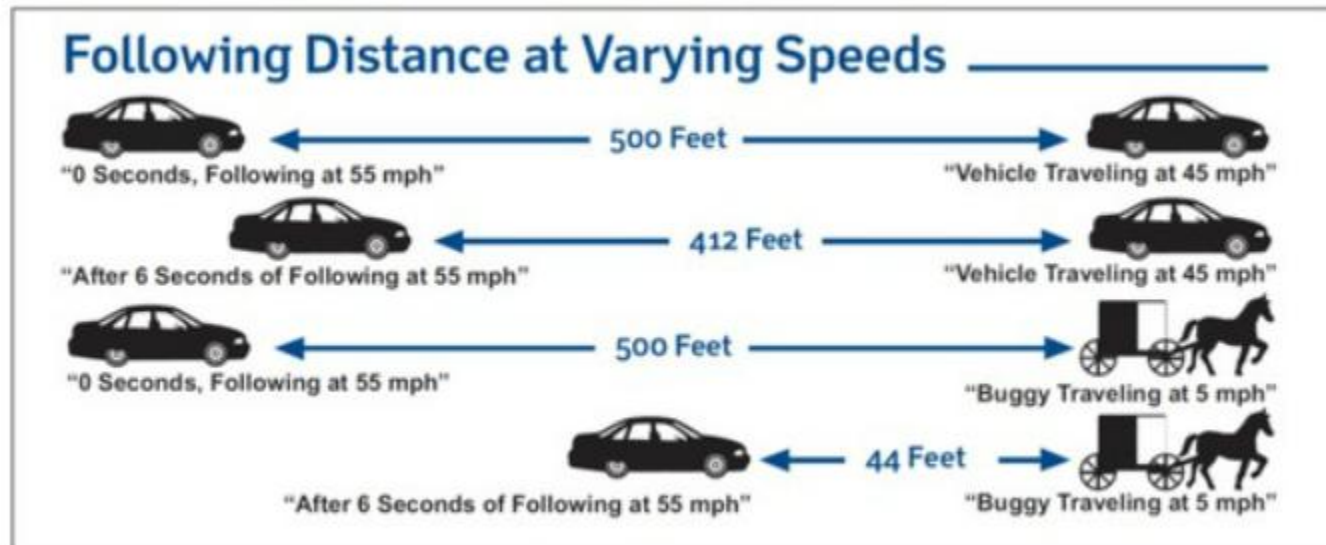


SHARE ROAD

1. Raise the light to a standard height of approximately 42".
2. Use a red lens approximately 6" in diameter in lantern.
3. Use the best reflective tape available of the present color.
4. Use a minimum of 72" square inches of reflective tape on rear. This is to include all horse drawn, buggies, wagons, sleighs, etc.
5. Use a minimum of 6 square inches of reflective tape on the left front upright of buggies, wagons, etc.
6. Use 6" horizontal bracket on larger buggies to mount lantern on. Bracket

7 MAKE IT MANDATORY

Educate the English Community



Make sure “others” know the law

- VTL 1114 Display of unauthorized signs, signals, or markings.

Proper Use of SMVE 



- It is illegal to put SMV emblems on stationary objects – such as:
 - mailboxes
 - driveway posts



Encourage and Promote Safety



Meet in the middle



Take Home Points

- Don't make decisions "for them"
- Approach Elders, Deacons, or Bishops with "issues".
- Ask what you/your community can do for them.
- Open up meetings, expect feedback, address it.

Be Respectful !!!



Thank You ☺