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Girl Scouts are naturally curious about the world around them. As girls begin to experience adventures in Girl Scouts and see the possibilities, they want to explore their world, which requires transporting them in personal vehicles. Girl and adult safety is our highest priority. When transporting girls, there are specific guidelines that must be followed to ensure a safe and fun trip. Please consider the following:

Girl Scout Driver Requirements

- You are currently a registered and background checked GSWO Troop Leader or Troop Assistant
- You are 21 years or older
- You have a current and valid driver's license, with good driving record
- You have auto insurance that is compliant with state law
- Girls do not transport other girls
- Group traveling consists of at least two unrelated approved adults (one female), whether you're driving one or more vehicles
- You do not transport girls in the bed of a truck
- You have working seat belts and they are worn by every person in the vehicle
- Girls under 12 years old sit in the back seat
- Avoid driving when tired or taking medications that make you drowsy
- Follow all state laws when driving, including but not limited to: following the speed limit, not using electronic devices, and having headlights on while using windshield wipers

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio's insurance carrier has provided the following chart to determine whether an individual is eligible to serve as a troop driver. Should a driver's record fall outside of the acceptable number of accidents or violations, according to the chart below, that individual is required to personally and privately decline any requests to drive for a Girl Scout Activity.

# of violations within past 3 years	# of at-fault accidents within past 3 years			
	0	1	2	3
0	Yes	Yes	No	No
1	Yes	Yes	No	No
2	Yes	No	No	No
3	No	No	No	No
4	No	No	No	No

Girl Scout Driver Tips and Expectations

- Make sure to have destination address, road map/GPS, first-aid kit, and a flashlight in the car.
- Ensure your vehicle is in good working condition. Check your lights, signals, tires, windshield wipers, horn, and fluid levels before each trip and periodically through long trips.
- Make sure necessary documents are up to date, including but not limited to: driver's license, vehicle registration, any state/local inspections, and insurance coverage. In each vehicle girls and adults are traveling in, ensure you have Girl Medical Health History and Release Form and Permission Slip.
- Plan rest stops every few hours. When driving with multiple cars, pre-arrange stop locations. On long trips, arrange for relief drivers and avoid driving for extended periods at night.

If driving on a trip over 100 miles from the troop's meeting place or participating in a high risk activity, a Troop Trip and Activity Notification Form must be completed, and drivers must provide their license number and expiration date on this form. For more information, please reference Safety Activity Checkpoints, Volunteer Essentials, and the Troop Trip Training Manual.

