

SOLAR ECLIPSE SAFETY

On April 8, 2024, a solar eclipse will impact Pennsylvania.

As the moon passes between the sun and earth, the face of the sun will be temporarily blocked, leading to total darkness for several minutes. While the majority of the state will experience a partial eclipse, in the northwestern corner of the commonwealth, there will be a total eclipse in Crawford, Mercer, Erie and Warren counties. In the city of Erie, which will have one of the longest periods of darkness in the state, it will start at approximately 3:16 PM and last until nearly 3:20 PM.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is encouraging Pennsylvanians and the thousands of anticipated visitors traveling to the region to witness the astronomical events to practice the following safety tips prior to, during, and following the eclipse.



Plan Ahead

Anyone planning to travel to view the eclipse should select a preferred viewing location, but be prepared to change course based on traffic congestion. Visitors should also plan to stay in place after the total eclipse and pack an emergency kit with needed medicines, water and snacks.



Be Alert

Motorists should be on the lookout for extra pedestrians, cyclists and other motorists at all times.



Exit Highway to View Eclipse

Please refrain from stopping or parking along major roadways or interstates.



Put Down the Phone

Avoid all distractions and never take photos or videos while driving.



Wear Proper Eyewear

Solar viewing eyewear is required for safe observation of the total eclipse. However, these should not be worn while operating a vehicle.



Headlights On

As the path of totality approaches, the sky will slowly begin to darken. Turn on your headlights to increase your visibility and make your vehicle more easily seen by other motorists. Do not rely on daytime running lights.



Keep PA Beautiful

Please do your part to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful by not littering along roadways or property where you plan to watch the eclipse.

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Plan your trip to the path of totality by using
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To help find a location to watch the eclipse or learn about related events happening in the City of Erie and throughout Erie County, go to **VisitErie.com/eclipseerie-2024**.