



## The Blue Envelope Program

Signed into law by Governor Maura Healey on [June 25, 2026](#), the Blue Envelope Program is a crucial tool to ease communication between individuals with autism and law enforcement.

Following years of advocacy led by The Arc of Massachusetts and Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts, and in partnership with the Massachusetts State Police and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, this law ensures that the Blue Envelope program is consistently applied across the Commonwealth.

This fact sheet walks you through the program, how to get a Blue Envelope, how to use it, and other tips and tricks.

### What Is a Blue Envelope?

The Blue Envelope is a free, simple yet impactful tool for drivers, passengers, and law enforcement. It is designed to hold a driver's license, registration, and an emergency contact card. It can be placed on the driver's sun visor and handed to a police officer in the event of a traffic stop.

The outside of the envelope includes communication guidelines tailored to help law enforcement recognize that the driver or passenger has autism and shift their approach to ensure a safe and successful interaction.

### How Do I Get a Blue Envelope?

- You can request a Blue Envelope be mailed to you using [this form](#).
- You can visit a [State Police Barrack](#) to request a Blue Envelope in person.
- Beginning September 1, 2026, Blue Envelopes will be available at [Registry of Motor Vehicles locations](#).
- Many local police departments also have Blue Envelopes available. Contact your local police department to see if they have Blue Envelopes.
- Stop by The Arc of Massachusetts at 217 South Street, Waltham MA 02453. Please call (781) 891-6270 before coming by to ensure that someone is available to assist you.
- You can also contact The Arc of Massachusetts if you need assistance.
  - Email Emilia Niyangoda, Government Affairs Associate at [ENiyangoda@arcmass.org](mailto:ENiyangoda@arcmass.org)
- Share this information with your friends and family!

## How Do I Use the Blue Envelope?

- Individuals with autism or their parent/guardian can request a Blue Envelope.
- Once you have a Blue Envelope, you can put documents including your driver's license, vehicle registration, and emergency contact information inside, along with any other important information. While not required, it can be helpful to have all of these documents with the Blue Envelope.
  - *Make sure you keep these documents current and update them when necessary!*
- Attach your Blue Envelope to the driver's side sun visor or in another visible, easy to access spot.
- If you are pulled over or have another interaction with a Police Officer, hand them the Blue Envelope. They will recognize the envelope and adjust their communication approach as needed. The officer can also scan the QR code on the envelope for more information.
- Remember these tips for a safe traffic stop:
  - Stay calm.
  - Follow instructions.
  - Keep your hands visible.
  - Expect lights and noise.
  - Ask for help from the officer directly or ask the officer to call your emergency contact.
- **DID YOU KNOW?** If the driver of the vehicle would like to identify that there is a passenger with autism, they can write PASSENGER HAS AUTISM on the Blue Envelope.

## Why Is the Blue Envelope Important?

- Facilitates understanding and communication.
- Reduces anxiety.
- Helps drivers and passengers feel prepared and confident.
- Supports law enforcement.

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