

# Transportation Services for Seniors in Delaware

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## DART FIRST STATE

### STATEWIDE TRANSIT INFORMATION

DART First State is Delaware's statewide public transportation provider. The Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC), a division of the Delaware Department of Transportation, operates DART First State. DART services include intercounty bus service, statewide bus service and seasonal resort transit service, paratransit service for people with disabilities, and RideShare Delaware's car and van ride matching program. There is a reduced fare for DART's regular bus route service for seniors. All DART buses are wheelchair accessible. Door-to-door paratransit service to qualified individuals is available with at least one day advanced reservation. Certification, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), is required to use the service. Individuals in need of transportation to or from renal care centers for dialysis treatment also qualify for paratransit services. Customers are encouraged, and in some cases required, to use the regular bus route service whenever and wherever possible. Features such as voice announcements, wheelchair lifts, kneeling buses and low floor buses make using regular buses much easier for the elderly and individuals with disabilities. DART offers free Travel Training services that help customers learn to use the regular bus system, enhancing mobility, independence and increasing travel choices.

**1-800-652-DART (3278), [DartFirstState.com](http://DartFirstState.com)**

### CUSTOMER RELATIONS

**1-800-652-DART (3278), Option 2**

### SCAT (SENIOR CITIZEN AFFORDABLE TAXI)

This taxi service provides half-price taxi service for persons aged 65 and over and for persons with disabilities.

**1-800-652-DART (3278), Option 2**

## **SEPTA**

SEPTA commuter trains run from Newark, Churchmans Crossing, Wilmington and Claymont to Center City Philadelphia with connections to SEPTA trains and transit routes serving the entire Philadelphia metropolitan region. Connections to New York City by New Jersey Transit are also available. The Wilmington Train Station is served by DART buses, where more connections can be made to New Castle County, Dover, Smyrna and many other locations throughout the state. Discounted fares are available for seniors.

**(215) 580-7800, [Septa.org](http://Septa.org)**

## **AMTRAK**

Amtrak provides rail passenger services to destinations throughout the United States. Trains leave from the Wilmington Train Station, which can be reached from New Castle County, Dover, Smyrna, and many other locations by DART buses. Discounted fares are available for senior citizens.

**(800) USA-RAIL**

## **UNI-CITY- NEWARK AREA**

Uni-City is a transportation service that operates in the University of Delaware/Newark area. Buses operate along 3 loops. Plan to call ahead to schedule a pick-up on an accessible bus. There is no charge for the service.

**(302) 831-1187**

## **iTN (INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK) SOUTHERN DELAWARE**

iTN Southern Delaware is a non-profit organization offering affordable rides to seniors, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The membership-based organization has an annual membership fee of \$35 for an individual and \$60 for a family membership in which two of the members are 55 or older, with additional costs per mile traveled. Memberships are also available for adults with visual impairments, who are 21 or older. Subscription forms may be found online at [ITNSouthernDelaware.org](http://ITNSouthernDelaware.org) as well as in libraries throughout Sussex County. Along with the yearly membership fee, riders pay \$1.25 per mile including a \$2.50 pickup charge. You keep a prepaid Personal

Transportation Account based on estimated usage and a monthly statement details all the payments and charges. So, no money is exchanged in the vehicle and tips are not accepted. They use automobiles rather than vans or buses.

**(302) 448-8ITN or (302) 448-8486, ITNSouthernDelaware.org**

### **CHEER TRANSPORTATION (SUSSEX COUNTY)**

CHEER operates a fleet of accessible buses that provide local transportation for CHEER members to local stores, banks and medical facilities as well as to CHEER centers throughout Sussex County. CHEER buses also routinely go to special events throughout the community.

**(302) 856-5187**

### **FISH OF NORTHERN DELAWARE**

FISH, a volunteer organization, provides transportation to appointments for ambulatory individuals north of the C & D Canal on Monday through Thursday, when all other potential means of transportation have been exhausted and as volunteers are available. This is not an emergency service. Notify FISH one week in advance of the appointment.

**(302) 658-2954**

### **GENERATIONS 5317 NEW FREEDOM FUNDS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

This program provides transportation to Delaware residents with disabilities of all ages on weekends and holidays, when other public transportation options are not available at \$5.00 per ride, (\$10 round-trip) on a space available basis. A 3-day advance notice is suggested.

**(888) 810-5422 (Toll Free)**

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY (302) 276-1466**

**KENT COUNTY (302) 734-7005**

**SUSSEX COUNTY (302) 856-7774**