

# DRIVER'S LICENSE AND STATE ID RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

Many American states recognize and respect the increasing diversity of religions practiced by residents. Members of many religions, such as Islam and Sikhism, wear religious head coverings, also known as articles of faith.

While hats or head coverings are generally prohibited from being worn in photographs used on most driver's licenses and identification cards, applicants may be photographed while wearing established religious head coverings. Photographs increase public safety. Examples of acceptable religious head coverings can be found below. Also see [GoodGuysWearTurbans.com](http://GoodGuysWearTurbans.com) for more.

## MUSLIM HEAD COVERINGS



Followers of the Islamic faith are called Muslims. Some Muslim women cover their head, based on their religious belief and tradition of dressing modestly. They may wear a full-head covering or hijab, or a simple scarf over their hair. Some Muslim men wear a skullcap or kufi based on their religious tradition.



## SIKH HEAD COVERINGS

Sikhism is a religion that originated in South Asia during the 15th century and is distinct from both Islam and Hinduism. For religious reasons, practicing Sikhs do not cut their hair. Sikh men wrap their long hair with a turban or pagri, a practice that typically takes 10-15 minutes. Sikh boys wrap their hair in a smaller under-turban or patka, with their hair knotted on top of their head. Some Sikh women also wear turbans; however, many opt for a cloth or chunni to cover their head.

