

Defensive Driving II

Driving defensively means keeping your eye on the "other guy", while taking responsibility for yourself and your actions. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation there are over 200 million vehicles registered in the United States and that number continues to grow. Exercising caution every time you get behind the wheel is becoming more and more important. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Never leave the driveway without securing your seatbelt and making sure all of your passengers do the same.
- Allow sufficient time to get where you're going.
- Don't tailgate. If someone is tailgating you, move over and let them pass.
- Always signal before changing lanes or making a turn.
- Drive with extra caution in fog, rain, snow, or ice. Increase the distance between yourself and other vehicles.
- If you have a front-wheel drive vehicle, make sure the snow tires are on the front wheels.
- Turn your headlights on if your wipers are on.
- Stay alert for animals wandering onto the road, especially in the evening and early morning hours.
- When an emergency vehicle is approaching, carefully move to the right side of the road and stop.
- Approach any accident or fire scene with caution. Reduce your speed and watch for emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Slow down in construction zones and obey signs and flag persons. Watch out for workers and equipment.
- Be cautious when driving around large trucks. Never pull out in front of a truck or cut a truck off in traffic.
- Never drive in a truck's "NO ZONE". If you can't see the driver's face in the truck's side-view mirror, you're driving in the "NO ZONE". Ease off the accelerator until you can see the driver's face.
- Driving safely is your number one responsibility. Keep distractions to an absolute minimum.
- If you have to make a call, use the hands-free feature on your cellular phone or pull over.

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SAFETY REMINDER
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More than 40,000 people lose their lives in motor vehicle crashes each year. Don't become a statistic! Drive defensively.

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SPECIAL TOPICS /EMPLOYEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS/NOTES:

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