



Be a Good Defensive Driver

This safety moment is to remind all company drivers and employees driving personal vehicles to drive defensively at all times. You cannot control what other drivers will do, but you can drive in a manner to protect yourself. Key points to remember and practice every time you drive:

1. Aim high in your steering. You should be looking at a 15 second lead time to allow you to see what traffic is doing.
2. Get the Big Picture by keeping your eyes moving. This will allow you to identify ways to leave yourself an out in case other drivers make mistakes.
3. Keep a safe following distance so that you can see what is happening in the traffic ahead. Maintain a four (4) second following distance.
4. Maintain good lane position. Don't drive close to the center line of the road unless road conditions force you to drive closer to the center and avoid others blind spots.
5. Check your mirrors on a frequent basis. You need to know what is behind you and alongside of you.
6. Keep your hands firmly on the steering wheel.
7. Keep your seat belt tightened around your hips.
8. Do not allow distractions to take away your attention on driving.
9. Remember, the white or yellow line down the center of the road will not keep other vehicles from crossing over. We each count on the other driver to maintain their lane.
10. Just be prepared for the unexpected mistakes of others.

Every employee is responsible for the safe operation of company vehicles. They should be operated in a safe manner and are expected to follow all traffic regulations. No matter what other drivers do on the road, All employees are expected to be safe, professional, and courteous drivers behind the wheel.