



Keys to Defensive Driving

Here are some defensive driving tips you can share with your workers to help them keep safe when they get behind the wheel:

- When approaching entrances to shopping malls, drive-ins, restaurants, or filling stations, look for any movement that may mean a vehicle is pulling out into traffic.
- Watch for movement well back from the intersection on side roads and at cross streets, so that you can act defensively if necessary.
- On multi-lane roads, notice the space between the tires of the vehicle in front of you and the lane marking nearest to the tire. If the gap starts to narrow, it could mean that the vehicle is drifting or about to change lanes.
- Watch for pedestrians, runners, and people on bicycles, and expect anything. Be ready to use your brakes.
- Watch in the rearview mirror for drivers behind you who might want to pass. Don't concentrate on one spot on the road. Scan back and forth looking for any potential problems. Watch what's happening well out in front of your vehicle, as well as behind it, to detect problems sooner.
- Keep a safe distance behind the car in front of you. Follow the two-second rule, staying at least two seconds behind the vehicle in front. †

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