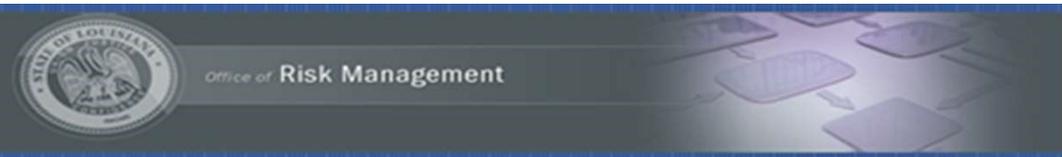




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Defensive Driving



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- Defensive driving is driving to ***save lives, time and money***, in spite of the conditions around you and the actions of others.
- Defensive driving is the ***responsibility*** of ***everyone*** who operates a vehicle in our roadway community.

The DDC Collision Prevention Formula:

- Recognize the hazard
 - Scan ahead and around your vehicle
 - Check mirrors every 3-5 seconds
 - Always stay alert
 - Use the “what if” strategy to keep you alert



Understand the Defense



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- Know what to do to prevent a traffic hazard from becoming a collision
- Know the consequences of your driving choices
- Know the basic defenses of:
 - Scanning in all directions
 - SLOW DOWN
 - Use a safe following distance

Act Correctly – Act In Time



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- Choose the safest driving maneuver to prevent a collision
- Remember ---- Other drivers may act in time, but they may act incorrectly.

Preventable Collision



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- A PREVENTABLE COLLISION is a collision which the driver fails to do everything REASONABLE to avoid the accident.



What Are Your Driving Behaviors?

- Do you drive the posted speed limit regardless of what the traffic is doing and how fast it is going?
- Do you plan ahead for weather conditions and construction hazards when planning your daily routes?
- Do you alert other drivers to your actions using your turn signals?
- Do you wear a safety belt and require all passengers to do the same while in a vehicle?
- Do you practice safe driving behavior by not talking on the cell phone or texting?



Distracted and Impaired Driving



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- What examples do you have?



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- Eating in the car
- Talking on the phone
- Texting
- Putting on make-up
- Shaving
- Reading the paper
- Thinking about things other than driving
- Reaching for other things in the car
- Reading a map
- Cleaning the inside of the window
- Changing clothes

Responsibilities of Drivers



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- Register and license your vehicle
- Vehicle maintenance
- Hold an appropriate driver's license
- Automobile insurance availability
- Refrain from driving if you have any type of disability or impairment that would affect driving
- Wear appropriate eyewear
- Understand and follow the rules of the road
- Operate a vehicle safely
- When involved in a collision - stop at the scene and follow your organizations reporting rules



Conditions In Roadway



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- Work zones
- Light and weather
- Traffic
- Blind spots of semis
- Emergency vehicles
- Mover over law
- School buses
- Trains
- Slow-moving vehicles
- Pedestrians
- Motorcycles
- Bicyclists
- Animals

Fatal Four Driving Behaviors

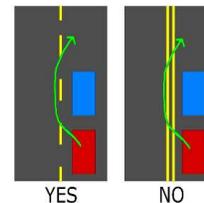
- Speeding



- Right of Way



- Driving left of center



- Tailgating/following too closely



The Three Second-Plus Rule



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- For every poor condition, add 1 more second of following distance to the baseline of 3 seconds.
- For rain or ice - add 2+ seconds

Remember Your World and Our Roadway Community



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- No one wants to lose someone important to them
- YOUR driving choices - including a choice to be a defensive driver - will have lifelong consequences for you, your loved ones and those around you!!!!