



BACK TO BASIC



DRIVING DEFENSIVELY

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PRESENTATION - Discussion

- **1: *WHAT DOES IT TAKE?***
- **2: Defensive Driving**
- **3: Preventable Collision**
- **4: Communications**
- **5: Six Conditions of Driving**
- **6: Basic Driving Techniques**



QUESTION?

**What does it take - to drive
defensively - and - remain
collision free?**



What does it take?

- Knowledge**
- Alertness**
- Foresight**
- Judgement**
- Skill**
- Respectful & Courteous**



WHAT IS DEFENSIVE DRIVING & WHAT IS A PREVENTABLE COLLISION?

- ***Defensive Driving*** – is driving to prevent collisions INSPITE of the actions of other.
- ***Preventable Collision*** – is one in which YOU failed to do everything reasonable to prevent it.



Collision Prevention Formula ?

A: Recognize the Hazard

B: Understand the defence

C: Act in time



COMMUNICATION!

- **A: Signal lights**
- **B: Head lights**
- **C: Hand gestures**
- **D: Facial expressions**
- **E: Vehicle positioning**



THE SIX CONDITIONS OF DRIVING

- Lighting
- Weather
- **Road**
- Traffic
- Vehicle
- *DRIVER*



IF IN DOUBT ?

- **Slow down!**
 - Give yourself more time
 - Communicate your route, time of departure and expected time of arrival
- Postpone trip
- Cancel



The most important element is ...?

D R I V E R

Know your “*limitations*”

and

Those of your vehicle (s)



The DRIVER

- **Affected by impairment:**
 - Alcohol
 - Drugs (medication and illegal)
 - Fatigue
 - Distractions
 - Emotions



Basic Driving

SKILLS

A: **Know the rules** of the road!

B: Use recommended “Eye-Lead-time”

C: Drive at a reasonable SPEED

D: Spacing (3 seconds)

E: Positioning for manoeuvres



Skills

Stop signs – Red lights etc.

- Stop means **S T O P**
- Stop line and proceed when clear
- Left – centre - right and back to left
- Right on red ?
- Do not stop or block crosswalk
- Railway crossings



Distractions

(major issue)

- **Avoid Distractions**
- **In and outside the vehicle**
- **Hands on the wheel – Eyes on the road!**
- **Driving any vehicle needs your undivided attention!!!**



What does it take to be and remain collision free?

- **Reminder: study – practise**
- ***Company flag* – professional Driver**
- **Training: DDC/PDIC**
 - **periodic refresher**
 - **Inspires confidence / proficiency**

Conclusion

- **Treat other drivers like you wish to be treated!**
- **Be a professional driver (always!)**
- **Take your time and avoid distractions**
- **Training**
- **Merci – questions ?** 