



# DEFENSIVE DRIVING

## TOOLBOX TALK SERIES – ACCIDENT PREVENTION

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During 2020, the National Safety Council estimated 42,000 people died in motor vehicle crashes. Among those accidents, distracted drivers, speeding and drivers under the influence caused the majority of the accidents. Are you cautious and aware when it comes to motor vehicle operations?



### Defensive Driving Habits to Prevent and Accident

- Leave yourself an out. Leave room to move the vehicle around vehicles if an emergency arises. Don't tailgate and leave lots of "buffer" room.
- Always think about the next move if a crash were to occur.
- Slow down when conditions warrant.
- Be cool, calm and collected when driving. Road rage never helped anyone.
- Get the "big picture" Sweep side to side. Avoid tunnel vision.
- Glance well ahead in your direction of travel. Look 2-3 vehicles ahead to anticipate what is going to happen.
- Ensure your vehicle is in good working order. Utilize turn signals and other signals to indicate your intentions. When do you use your amber warning lights?
- When entering an intersection, look left/right/left prior to proceeding.

**"DO THE SAFE THING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING" – Author Unknown**