

Safe Driving Awareness

Raise awareness of driving hazards and
reinforce safe driving considerations



Housekeeping



Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Summarize safe driving best practices
2. Identify emergency items to have on hand
3. Complete a pre-trip vehicle inspection
4. Apply safe driving practices to various scenarios

Safe Driving Best Practices

Important safety
practices for drivers

Pete and Rita



Safe Driving Best Practices



Seatbelts



Blind spots



Speed limits



Yield the right
of way

Seatbelts



- All drivers and passengers must wear a seatbelt
 - Properly adjusted
 - Securely fastened
- Children in appropriate child/booster seat
- Wear seatbelt across chest and lower hips
- Ensure seatbelt is not twisted

Blind Spots



- Check mirrors and blind spots often
- Adjust mirrors to reduce blind spots
- Shoulder check before:
 - Changing lanes
 - Passing a vehicle
 - Turning right or left
 - Opening your door when street parking

Speed Limits



- Stay within maximum speed limit posted
- Adjust speed depending on road conditions, weather, traffic, school/construction zones
- If no signs, 50 km/hr in cities and built-up areas, 80 km/hr in other areas
- Follow at a safe distance → two second gap

Yield the right of way



Intersection without signs



Intersection with stop signs (4 corners)



Intersection turning left or right



Entering road from private road/driveway



Marked pedestrian crosswalks

Safe Driving – Do's

- ✓ Wear your seatbelt
- ✓ Follow the rules of the road
- ✓ Obey speed limits and road signs
- ✓ Pay attention while driving
- ✓ Be courteous to other drivers
- ✓ Watch for pedestrians and bicycles
- ✓ Keep an emergency kit in the vehicle
- ✓ Inspect the vehicle before use
- ✓ Perform preventative maintenance regularly

Safe Driving - Don'ts

- ✘ Consume alcohol or cannabis and drive
- ✘ Make assumptions about other drivers' actions
- ✘ Tailgate
- ✘ Purposely break rules of the road
- ✘ Play music at disruptive levels
- ✘ Use your cell phone while driving
- ✘ Engage in other activities while driving
- ✘ Participate in road rage

Winter Driving Tips

- ❄️ Check your vehicle
- ❄️ Plan ahead, use good judgement
- ❄️ Be prepared
- ❄️ Slow down, stay alert and in control
- ❄️ Share the road and watch for snowplows
- ❄️ Obey road closures

Knowledge Check

Practice what you've learned
about safe driving

Multiple Choice

What are the four safe driving best practices discussed in this course?

- a) Defensive driving, seatbelts, speed limits, blind spots
- b) Seatbelts, speed limits, distracted driving, yielding
- c) Seatbelts, blind spots, speed limits, yield the right of way
- d) Blind spots, seatbelts, speed limits, defensive driving

True or False

When driving in winter conditions, drive quickly to arrive at your destination sooner and avoid bad weather.

a) True

b) False

You should always slow down, stay alert and in control when driving in winter conditions.

Emergency Items

Preparing an emergency
kit for your vehicle

Prepare an Emergency Car Kit

Always have winter safety and emergency equipment in your car

- ✓ Food (energy bars)
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Blanket
- ✓ Clothing, shoes/boots
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Seatbelt cutter
- ✓ Small shovel and snowbrush
- ✓ Candle and matches
- ✓ Wind-up flashlight
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Roadmaps
- ✓ Emergency plan

Items to Keep in Your Trunk

- ✓ Sand, salt or cat litter (non-clumping)
- ✓ Antifreeze and windshield washer fluid
- ✓ Tow rope
- ✓ Jumper cables
- ✓ Fire extinguisher
- ✓ Warning light or road flares

Get Prepared



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Pre-Trip Inspection

Inspecting your vehicle to
ensure it can be operated
safely

Daily Inspection

- ☑ Vehicle inspected before driving
- ☑ Complete inspection checklist
- ☑ Retain the completed checklist in the vehicle
- ☑ Records any defects found during/at end of trip
- ☑ Defects repaired immediately/before vehicle driven again

Ready, check, go!



Battery – check the terminals for cracks, corrosion or damage



Engine oil – check the oil level and top up if low



Transmission fluid – check the fluid level and look for red or pink colour. If it is brown, change it.

Ready, check, go!



Antifreeze – check the coolant in the overflow tank



Air filter – check your owners manual to determine how to replace the air filter



Tires – check to ensure inflation to recommended levels and check tread

Knowledge Check

Apply your knowledge of
emergency preparedness and
pre-trip inspections

True or False

It's a good idea to keep an emergency kit in your vehicle, including winter emergency supplies.

a) True

b) False

Multiple Choice

Which of the following statements is incorrect?

- a) Complete the inspection after your trip is complete
- b) Retain the completed checklist in the vehicle
- c) Repairs defects as soon as possible
- d) Check the battery, engine oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, air filter, and tires as part of the inspection

Multiple Choice

Which of the following statements is incorrect?

a) Complete the inspection after your trip is complete

Complete the vehicle inspection before driving,
record any defects found during/at end of trip

Scenarios

Apply the knowledge learned in
this course

What Will You Do?

A severe snow storm is expected in the middle of the night

- Consider rescheduling the following days' service appointments to avoid driving in unsafe conditions
 - Notify customers ahead of time that service may be cancelled due to inclement weather
- If appointments must be kept, drive slowly and with caution
- Stock your emergency kit, replace expired items

What Will You Do?

Another driver is tailgating you and driving aggressively

- Stay calm and don't get frustrated or angry
- Move over and let them pass
- Pull off the road (into a parking lot if possible) to diffuse the situation
- Don't respond with aggressive driving
- Call the police if you feel unsafe

What Will You Do?

You're involved in an accident

- Stop your vehicle, stay calm and call police
- If you are injured, wait for assistance
- If safe to do so, get out of the car and take pictures of the damage and accident scene
- Move the vehicle off the road if it can be driven
- Record information from involved drivers
- Contact your employer for next steps with insurance

What Will You Do?

Your pre-trip vehicle inspection reveals a flat tire

- If you feel comfortable doing so, change the flat tire using the spare tire
- Contact your employer's roadside assistance service of choice if you require assistance
- Arrange for the damaged tire to be repaired/replaced as soon as possible
- Drive with caution while utilizing the spare tire

What Will You Do?

Is there another scenario you'd like to address?

- Discuss potential actions as a group

Resources

Where to find more
information about the topics in
this course

Resources

- <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/safe-driving-practices.shtml>
- <https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-mto-drivers-handbook/driving-through-intersections>
- <https://traffic.findlaw.com/traffic-tickets/do-s-and-don-ts-safe-driving.html>
- <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/ontario-511/winter-highway-resources.shtml>
- <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsracs/sfttps/tp201012-en.aspx>
- https://globegazette.com/do-a-pre-trip-vehicle-check-to-avoid-problems-on/article_be9d635d-2608-5725-aec0-1c7a3c79a699.html

Summary

Summarize the course and
complete the course evaluation

Summary

You are now able to:

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Evaluation

Your feedback is important to us! We'd greatly appreciate 2 minutes of your time to tell us about your learning experience.

Please complete the course evaluation

Submit to instructor prior to leaving

Congratulations!
You've completed the course!

