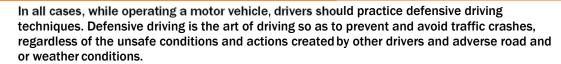


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DEFENSIVE DRIVING



Always scan ahead for any potential hazards



A good defensive driver will practice the following 8 techniques:

- Glance well ahead in the direction of travel. Look 2 or 3 vehicles ahead to observe driving conditions in front of you. This allows you to consider a condition before you reach it.
- Get the "big picture"; learn to see the entire roadway. Sweep the scene, sides and back. Avoid "tunnel vision". Keep your eyes moving; Position vehicle slightly offset to traffic to increase your field of vision.
- Always allow an escape route, leave a cushion by slowing or moving ahead of the vehicles beside you.
- Keep your vehicle visible and signal your intentions early.
- When stopped prior to making left turns across incoming traffic leave wheels straight to prevent being pushed into oncoming traffic in the event of a rear-end crash.
- When entering intersections practice looking left/right/left. Be sure to come to a full stop before proceeding.
- Learn to compensate for hazards such as weather, debris, potholes, loose gravel, or sand.
- ALWAYS maintain a cautious driving attitude. Remember, when entering a Rotary that Massachusetts law requires you to yield to vehicles already in the Rotary



Watch for bike and vehicle traffic when traveling around campus



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