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SAFETY



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Stay Sharp on the Road: Every Mile Matters

Every day behind the wheel is a chance to protect yourself and others.
Roadway safety isn't just about rules—it's about lives.



- **Never assume others see you**
 - Use turn signals, hazard lights, and eye contact to communicate clearly with other drivers and pedestrians.
- **Give yourself time**
 - Rushing increases the chance of mistakes. Leave early and plan for delays.
- **Check your blind spots—twice**
 - Large vehicles have bigger blind spots. Always double-check before changing lanes or merging.
- **Know your surroundings**
 - Be extra cautious in school zones, residential areas, and near construction zones.
- **Park with purpose**
 - Position your vehicle for visibility and quick, safe exits—especially when servicing curbside stops.
- **Adapt to weather conditions**
 - Rain, fog, or extreme heat all require adjustments in speed, braking distance, and awareness.
- **Don't ignore minor issues**
 - A "small" brake noise or warning light can quickly become a big hazard. Report it immediately.
- **Use technology wisely**
 - Use GPS or routing tools before starting your drive—never while in motion.
- **Perform routine walkarounds**
 - A quick check before and after each stop helps catch loose hoses, flat tires, or objects near the wheels.