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## SAFE DRIVING IS NO ACCIDENT

REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME YOU DROVE? IF YOU'RE LIKE MOST DRIVERS, YOU PROBABLY MENTALLY WALKED THROUGH A PRE-DRIVING CHECKLIST.

**Safe Driving** is no accident. It takes careful planning, attention to detail, and a commitment to safety.

### VEHICLE CONDITION

Clean the windows, inside and out, and adjust side and rearview mirrors to provide a better view of the road. Check the tire pressure.

### SAFE DRIVING TIPS

**Keep a 3-second "safety cushion"** between you and the car in front of you. Count "one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, one-thousand-three" as the car in front of you passes a stationary point like a road sign. Increase the distance during inclement weather like snow, rain or ice. Always be alert for the unexpected — a deer or child in the street or a stopped vehicle. Don't read, daydream, or turn up the radio.

**Wear your seatbelt.** Passengers should be belted in, too.

Never trust mirrors alone, as another vehicle could be in your blind spot. Check your surroundings.

**Help reduce fatigue on long trips** by not focusing on one area for long periods of time. Frequent stops to rest (every two hours) will help you remain alert.

**Roads may be slick** when it starts to rain. Take extra caution to avoid skidding.

**Remember to yield** to any emergency vehicle.

### CHILDREN

When children ride in the car, they belong in the back seat secured with seat belts and shoulder harnesses if available. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for safety seat installation. If older children must ride in the front seat, slide it as far back to avoid injury from an inflating air bag.

### CELL PHONES

Talking on a cellular phone or texting while driving can be as dangerous as driving drunk! In many states, it's illegal and more and more states are looking into laws prohibiting it. So it's time start getting used to keeping your phone stashed while driving!