



Motor Vehicle Safety

On-the-job motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of work-related deaths. Employers may consider offering drivers training to employees, so they can better understand special job-related driving conditions and can practice defensive driving techniques.

Special Driving Conditions

- **Dust storms:** When low or zero visibility occurs, pull off the road as far to the right as possible. Turn off lights, set parking brake and take your foot off the brake pedal. These steps reduce the possibility that other drivers may mistake your vehicle as one to follow.
- **Snow and ice:** Reduce the risk of skids by slowing down and shifting to a lower gear, if necessary. If you start to skid, steer in the direction of the skid and pump the brakes. Don't brake fully until you're in control of the vehicle.
- **Rain and fog:** Reduce speed in fog and on wet roads. Use your low beams to reduce glare. Drive in the tracks of the car in front of you for better traction.

Use a Safety Cushion

- Give yourself a margin of safety by increasing the space between your vehicle and those driving around you.
- Create a space between your vehicle and the car in front by allowing adequate stopping space.
- Use caution when approaching an intersection.
- When making left-hand turns at intersections, keep wheels straight until it is safe to make the turn.
- Use turn signals well in advance to let other drivers know your intentions.
- Drive in the right lane when possible to lessen chances of being hit head on.

If You Are in a Vehicle Crash

- Stop out of the way of traffic, if possible; use flares if available.
- Call police and emergency medical professionals, if needed.
- Assist injured people but don't move them more than necessary.
- Fill out all appropriate accident reports.

For more information: visit the websites for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, www.nhtsa.gov, or the National Safety Council, www.nsc.org.

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