



People Oriented... Project Driven®

Week 30 – July 20, 2009

Fatalities 000
22 years

Lost Time 000
91 days

Recordable 000
47 days



DEFENSIVE DRIVING... IS NO ACCIDENT



STATISTICS...

When we think of potential workplace safety hazards, we generally think about what goes on inside the workplace. One of the greatest threats to employees' safety is not in the workplace, but rather on the road! Need proof? Consider these driving related statistics:

- Ø Someone is injured every 18 seconds
- Ø Over 2 million of those injuries turn out to be disabling
- Ø A person dies in a crash on United States roads every 11 minutes
- Ø Motor vehicles are the most common cause of death in the United States – more than cancer or heart attacks.
- Ø One in four work fatalities involves a motor vehicle accident.

Driving defensively will help ensure YOU don't become a statistic!

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WHAT CAN YOU DO??

Obey Traffic Rules & Use Common Sense

- § Follow the '2 second rule' -- that means staying at least 2 seconds behind the vehicle in front of you.
- § Signal your intentions. If you're going to turn or want to change lanes, switch on your turn signal well in advance of changing lanes or turning.
- § Pass with care and only where allowed. Slow down when someone is passing you – give them the room to maneuver safely.

Keep Alert & Be Prepared

- § Keep your mind on your driving & your hands on the wheel.
- § Always look well ahead for changes in traffic/road conditions.
- § Keep an eye on what's going on behind you. Check your mirrors frequently for oncoming vehicles.
- § Keep alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and animals darting out in front of you.

Adjust to Weather & Road Conditions

- § Slow down
- § Turn on your lights and wipers, if necessary.
- § Increase following distance from 2 seconds to 4 seconds in bad weather or when road conditions are poor.
- § Avoid puddles. You don't know how deep they are.
- § Be cautious when there is a light, misty rain after a dry spell. Oil comes to the road surface making it slippery.