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Defensive Driving

“Driving defensively means remaining continually alert to possible hazards around your bus and taking action to avoid those hazards.”

If you accept that everyone makes driving errors, you will drive with a wary attitude:

- You will be more careful approaching controlled intersections, because you know another vehicle could ignore or miss the red light or stop sign.
- You will keep a six second following distance to avoid any vehicle that stops suddenly in front of you.
- You will scan the road far enough ahead to identify and react to hazards. You should be looking about 15 – 20 seconds ahead of your vehicle.
- You will choose a speed matching traffic as closely as possible without exceeding the speed limit.
- You avoid the fixed stare – you don't concentrate on any one thing in your field of vision for more than a second.

