

Why is this important?

On Thursday, September 19th, 2019 one of our Safety Advisors was involved in a significant incident involving three other vehicles. 4 were injured after the crash on west side of Indianapolis.

Guidelines:

Aim High in Steering: *People are naturally prone to concentrate on short distances only. A safe driving goal is to increase eye lead time to 15 seconds ahead of where you are. This will result in more efficient, economical and safer driving.*

Get the Big Picture: *As a safe driver, you should practice continual scanning for potential hazards. Scanning should include use of rear view and side mirrors; continual scanning means reviewing mirrors at a minimum of every 5-8 seconds. Through this scanning process, a safe driver will maintain awareness of significant hazards and minimize awareness of unnecessary information. A safe driver will maintain a minimum of a 4-second following distance from other vehicles.*

Keep Your Eyes Moving: *Driving safely requires constant updating of information. This is accomplished through continuously moving your eyes. At a minimum, you should move your eyes every 2 seconds. Before entering an intersection, look left, right, and left again. All drivers should minimize personal distractions and maintain a 360° awareness of other drivers who may be driving while distracted.*

Leave Yourself an Out: *A good way to minimize exposure to accidents is to drive with few to zero other vehicles around you. When other vehicles encroach into your safe zone, attempt to maintain open clearances in front and on at least one side of your vehicle. Avoid tailgating and tailgaters; tailgating increases accident rates.*

Make Sure They See You: *Seek eye contact with other drivers and maintain 360° awareness of other drivers. Utilize your warning signals as soon as possible to alert other drivers. Do not assume other drivers are aware of your vehicle.*



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