PLAYING IT SAFE

Driver Safety Reduce your risk of auto accidents

When it comes to minimizing your risk of collision while driving, you're in the driver's seat. By simply practicing safe driving techniques, you can reduce your chances of being involved in an auto accident.

In addition to being aware of your surroundings and making smart driving decisions, the following tips will help you arrive at your destination safely.

Drive Defensively

Defensive driving requires you to be aware of errors made by drivers around you and consequently adjust your driving to avoid accidents. Your employer expects you to be committed to defensive driving.

Get Plenty of Rest

Driving any distance, especially long distances, requires you to be physically and mentally well-rested. Fatigue plays a major role in motor vehicle accidents. If you become drowsy, pull off the road immediately and take a short nap.

Inspect Your Vehicle

Before you begin driving, inspect the lights, tires, brakes and windshield wipers of your vehicle. Obtain any necessary repairs before you depart.

Know Your Route

Before you set out for somewhere new,

become familiar with the general directions. If you need to check your map or call for directions along the way, pull over.

Avoid Speeding, and Use Safety Devices

Provide yourself with ample travel time so you can avoid speeding. Be aware of construction zones, rush hour congestion and changing weather conditions when you are planning your route. Maintain safe following distances; braking might be difficult in poor weather. Always wear your seat belt and turn on your headlights.

Don't Drink Alcohol

Alcohol is the single greatest contributing factor to fatal motor vehicle accidents. In addition, some prescription medications may have the same effect as alcohol. Do not drink alcoholic beverages before or during a driving trip and consult your doctor about possible side effects of any medications you may be taking. Be safe and healthy on the job with these helpful tips provided by **Evergreen Insurance.**

"Practicing good driver safety is the responsibility of all of our employees. Review our company driver policy to help you arrive safely at your destination."

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