

Characteristics of a Defensive Driver

Are you a defensive driver? No special training is required, just...

1. Knowledge.

You know:

- how to recognize hazards and avoid collisions.
- the traffic laws in your area.
- how to maintain your vehicle safety.

2. Alertness.

You pay attention to:

- traffic conditions.
- your own mental and physical condition.
- what's going on to the front, side and rear of your car.

3. Foresight.

You anticipate the unexpected by:

- scanning the road as far ahead as possible.
- keeping your car well maintained.
- never assuming the other driver will do the right thing.
- always wearing your safety belt.

4. Judgment.

You always:

- keep your emotions under control.
- resist the temptation to make risky maneuvers.
- pass only when safe.
- remain courteous, even when other drivers are not.

5. Skill.

You know how to:

- operate a vehicle properly and safely.
- make safe and legal turns and passes.
- perform simple emergency repairs, such as changing a tire.

Good DRIVER

