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Fleet Driver Safety Tips – Series 3
Passing Vehicles

Never drive off the paved or main-travelled portion of the road or on the shoulder to pass a vehicle. Also, passing other vehicles at crossroads, railroad crossings, and shopping centre entrances is dangerous.

When you approach a vehicle towing a trailer;
- Watch for any sway or possible hazards, such as crosswinds or slippery curves
- Be aware that sudden braking might cause the trailer to jack-knife
- Use extreme caution while passing a trailer and the towing vehicle – it may take almost a kilometre or more of clear roadway to safely pass
Reversing with Trailers

When reversing a car, straight truck, or bus, turn the top of the steering wheel toward the direction you want to go.

- When reversing a trailer, upon starting to reverse, you turn the steering wheel in the opposite direction.
- Once the trailer starts to turn, you must turn the wheel the other way to follow the trailer.
- Whenever you back up with a trailer, try to position your vehicle so you can reverse in a straight line. If you must reverse on a curved path, reverse to the driver’s side so you can see.
- Reverse slowly. This will let you make corrections before you get too far off course.
Reversing with Trailers (cont)

• Use the mirrors. The mirrors will help you see whether the trailer is drifting to one side or the other.
• Correct drift immediately. As soon as you see the trailer getting off the proper path, correct it by turning the top of the steering wheel in the direction of the drift.
• Pull forward. When reversing a trailer, re-evaluate and move forward if necessary to reposition your vehicle as needed.
Sharing the road with cyclists

The most common motorist caused car-bicycle or car-motorcycle collision is a motorist turning right in front of an oncoming bicycle or motorcycle. Drivers may fail to see cyclists or may fail to judge the speed of oncoming cyclists.

As a driver, remember to look for cyclists at the left side of the lane or on the shoulder and then look again. Make sure you see any cyclists and know their speed before you make your right turn.
Sharing the road with cyclists (cont)

If you are aware of the effect of the below conditions and drive with care and attention, you can help reduce motorcyclist injuries and fatalities.

- When you change lanes or enter a major thoroughfare, make a visual check for motorcycles. Also use your mirrors. Motorcycles are small, and they can easily disappear into a vehicle’s blind spots.
- Allow a four-second following distance. You will need this space to avoid hitting the motorcyclist if he or she falls.
- Allow the motorcycle a full lane width.
- Never try to pass a motorcycle in the same lane you are sharing with the motorcycle.
Sharing the road with cyclists (cont)

- When you make a turn, check for motorcyclists, and know their speed before turning.
- Remember that road conditions that are minor annoyances to you pose major hazards to motorcyclists. Potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement can cause motorcyclists to change speed or direction suddenly.
- Be aware that motorcycles may travel faster than traffic during congested road conditions and can travel in the unused space between two lines of moving or stationary vehicles.
Pedestrian Crossings

If you’re behind a car that’s stopped at a pedestrian crossing, don’t pass around it. A pedestrian you can’t see may be crossing.

For example, if you’ve both been waiting to make a left turn and the light has just turned green, don’t jump to the conclusion that the driver in front of you didn’t notice the light change. There may be someone crossing the street on foot who is out of your sight line.