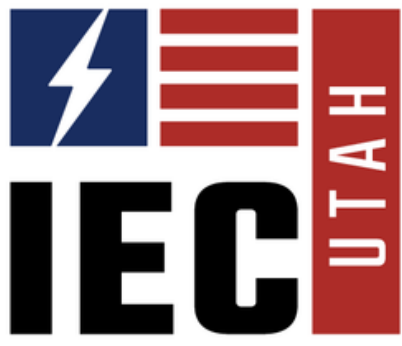
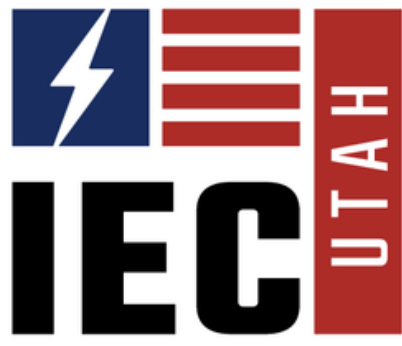




MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY
WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



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The National Safety Council defines defensive driving as “driving to save lives, time, and money despite the conditions around you and the actions of others.” Studies show that approximately two-thirds of all traffic collisions are preventable. By practicing defensive driving habits, we can significantly reduce the risk of crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Think about your drive to work this morning. You got into your vehicle, started the engine, and headed out on the road. Maybe you turned on the radio to catch the news, listen to music, or hear the latest traffic report. It seems there is always another accident being reported somewhere along the route. Every day, thousands of collisions occur because of distracted driving, speeding, aggressive behavior, poor judgment, or failure to anticipate hazards. So why weren't you involved in an accident today? Was it luck, or was it because you made safe driving decisions? The truth is that every driver has the ability to reduce the chances of being involved in a crash by developing and practicing defensive driving skills.

Defensive driving begins before you even put the vehicle in gear. Never drive if you are impaired, overly tired, sick, or distracted. Once you're in the vehicle, fasten your seatbelt and make sure all passengers do the same. Adjust your mirrors, check your surroundings, and ensure your path is clear before moving.

As you drive, stay alert and continuously scan the road ahead. Look for potential hazards and anticipate the unexpected. Children may run into the street, another driver may suddenly change lanes, or traffic may stop without warning. Leave plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you, especially if someone is following too closely behind. Maintaining a safe following distance gives you more time to react to changing conditions.

Always obey traffic laws, posted speed limits, and traffic signs. Use your turn signals, check your blind spots, and adjust your driving to weather, traffic, and road conditions. Avoid aggressive driving behaviors such as tailgating, weaving through traffic, or trying to "teach another driver a lesson." Patience and courtesy can go a long way toward preventing collisions.

Most importantly, stay focused on driving. When you're behind the wheel, driving is your primary responsibility. Distracted driving continues to be one of the leading causes of traffic accidents. Cell phones, texting, eating, adjusting controls, or even engaging in lengthy conversations can take your attention away from the road. A distraction lasting only a few seconds can have life-changing consequences. Put your phone away and keep your attention where it belongs—on driving safely.

At the end of the day, ask yourself what matters most: getting even with a driver who cut you off, rushing through a yellow light, or arriving home safely to your family. Every time you get behind the wheel, you make choices that affect not only your safety but the safety of everyone around you. Make defensive driving a habit, stay alert, and make decisions that help ensure everyone gets home safely.

SAFETY REMINDER: 113 people will die in motor-vehicle accidents today!

Special Topics For Your Project

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