

Safe Driving



DECISION DRIVING®: SIGNAL YOUR INTENTIONS

Successful driving requires good communication with other drivers. Your actions should not surprise those sharing the road with you. By signaling your intentions early, you give others a chance to react to your planned move.

Being aware of others is only half of it; you need to be sure they are aware of you as well. There are many ways to communicate with other drivers or pedestrians, such as:

- Use your turn signals eight to 10 seconds before you make a turn, lane change, enter or exit expressways, or when passing another vehicle.
- Turn on your headlights well before dark, until well after daylight and whenever it rains.
- Tap on your brake lights to warn drivers behind you that traffic ahead is slowing or stopped.
- Alert others of your presence with a light tap on your horn. Avoid a long blast on the horn; you want to get their attention, not startle them.
- Maintain a proper position in your lane to signal others the direction you intend to turn.
- Use your four-way flashers to alert others if your vehicle breaks down.

If you're following the Decision Driving® principles, your actions will come as no surprise to anyone. Safe driving requires good communication. Always let others know what you intend to do before you do it.

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