



Vehicle Intersection Procedures

Purpose/Rational:

An analysis of loss activity in the fleet area has indicated an unusually high percentage of accidents occurring in and around intersections. Based on available details, these incidents involve:

1. Striking other vehicles in the rear.
2. Turning left in front of oncoming vehicles.
3. Last second lane changes in and around intersections.

These types of incidents are nearly always considered preventable occurrences. A defensive and aware driver will avoid these situations through planning their own action, anticipating other driver's actions and reacting to changes around them.

Statistics indicate that if drivers had 1 additional second of response time some 70-80% of accidents would be avoided! This underscores the importance of being focused "on the job of driving" when driving – always being aware of the environment and situation around you.

In an effort to reduce these occurrences the following informational directive has been developed. This information should immediately be released to all employees who operate vehicles. Location supervisory personnel are to discuss this directive with all authorized drivers. In addition, all newly hired personnel, authorized to drive as part of their duties, must acknowledge receipt of this directive prior to operating a vehicle on behalf of (Company Name) and its affiliates.

Directive compliance will reduce the likelihood of intersection accidents!

All drivers are to receive this directive immediately with signature acknowledgement filed with Corporate Risk Management.

Intersection Driving:

ID-1. Scan ahead at least 1-1 ½ blocks as you come upon intersections. Look to both sides and front. Before entering the actual intersection scan left, right, then left again before you place yourself in the cross traffic. Also scan your mirrors frequently.

ID-2. Do not stare at the traffic signal – Be aware of everything around you including pedestrians and bikers.

ID-3. Do not assume anything...The person with the blinker on may be turning; the person that appears to be going straight may suddenly turn; the pedestrian standing on the corner may suddenly run across the street; The person turning right on red may shoot out in front of you; the light may change as you come up to the intersection.

ID-4. Do not anticipate anything...The light may not change to green before you get there; the person in front of you may not turn when you think they should; the pedestrian or bicyclist may

stop in the middle of the road. Cover the brake with your right foot as you enter the intersection. Covering the brake reduces reaction time by half.

ID-5. Be sure your signal is green before you proceed...Left turn signals may turn green before straight lanes change green...Use EXTREME caution when making right turns on signals.

ID-6. When turning left do not enter the middle of the intersection until you can safely cross oncoming traffic lanes. Keep your wheels pointed straight until you are actually making the left turn.

ID-7. Maintain safe clearance between you and the vehicle in front of you at all times – you don't always know what the person may be doing at the intersection. When coming to a stop behind another vehicle, always leave a safe cushion of space between your vehicles – You should be able to see the road under their rear tires from you driver seat. If you cannot, you are too close!

ID-8. DO NOT back-up in intersections.

ID-9. Do not change lanes in or near intersections...Plan ahead!

Remember:

SCAN AHEAD!

PLAN AHEAD!

PREPARE YOUR ACTIONS!

COVER THE BRAKE!

ANTICIPATE OTHERS' ACTIONS!

GET THROUGH SAFELY!

Acknowledgement:

I have read and understand this directive. In an effort to reduce accidents, I" agree to adhere to these practices at all times. I also understand that failure to follow these practices can result in disciplinary measures up to and including dismissal.

Employee Signature: _____

Date: / /