

SWIFT Decision Driving

Speed, appropriate for conditions

How do you do it? Adjust to changes in road conditions, load dynamics and posted limits.

What does it do for you? Allows you to safely operate your equipment in all conditions and road types.

Key phrase: Controlled and appropriate for conditions

Watch Other Motorists and Pedestrians

How do you do it? Look, see, and identify potential hazards early. Scan front every 1-3 seconds and rear every 4-6 seconds. Have an escape route. Use ground viewing habit. Remember S.I.P.D.E.

What does it do for you? Eliminates uncertainty; makes you safe in your actions. Keeps you safe when at intersections, stops, turns, lane changes, merging and passing.

Key phrase: Avoid surprises by being prepared

Indicate Your Intentions

How do you do it? Use signals, lights, and horn to communicate in traffic.

What does it do for you? Allows others know your intentions. Helps prevent unexpected actions by others. Helps establish eye to eye contact.

Key phrase: Let others know your intentions

Follow Other Vehicles Safely

How do you do it? Maintain at least 6-8 seconds of following time, and increase based on weather, traffic, or other adverse conditions. Practice 12-16 seconds of vehicle lead time (VLT)

What does it do for you? Increases forward visibility. Improves the ability to respond to changes in traffic. Prevents sudden stopping and swerving.

Key phrase: Rear-ending another vehicle is completely avoidable and preventable

Take the Path of Least Resistance

How do you do it? See the entire driving picture. Plan the safest, forward or backward, travel path in advance.

What does it do for you? Keeps you from “driving blind”, eliminates surprises. Provides a safe path on turns. Reduces backing hazards. Buys time.

Key phrase: Have a plan for getting to your **M**ost **I**mportant **S**top. (MIS = Home)