

Safety Corner

The Figures Don't Add Up When You Ask: "Who is a Good Driver?"

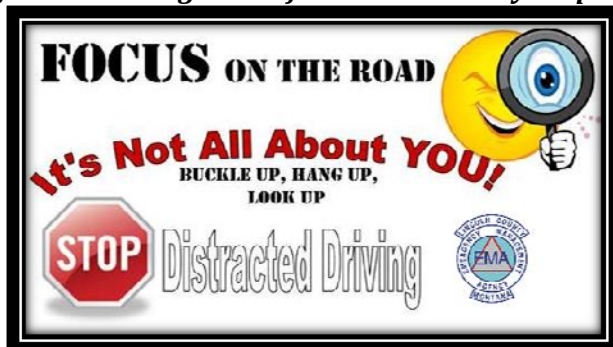
If we are to believe their personal opinions, about ninety percent of all drivers genuinely believe that they are 'good' drivers. But at the other extreme, we have road safety experts in several countries who can prove beyond any doubt that over ninety percent of all road crashes have 'driver error' as a key component. So how could these claims both be true?

It's not something we happy-go-lucky road-trippers like to dwell upon, but about 50,000 people die each year in collisions on the roadways of the United States. By most estimates, over twenty-two million are injured. This carnage is unnecessary since nearly all collisions are preventable!! It is a fact that though drivers can control most of their actions most of the time, they are totally powerless when it comes to the actions of others drivers. They simply do not know what other drivers on the road are going to do. This is why it is very important for drivers to learn the special skill called defensive driving

Below are some of the basics of defensive driving tip:

- Be ready with every possible situation that might happen on the roads. Constant preparedness is probably the best trait of a very good defensive driver.
- Always follow the three second rule of driving and be at least three seconds of driving time from the driver in front in all conditions; five second behind the driver in front during bad conditions.
- Never follow a vehicle, especially big trucks and busses too closely.
- Always avoid being in the blind side of other drivers
- Taking extra caution at intersections,
- Thinking ahead - Are there children playing in the area? What's around the bend?
- Being prepared to stop or swerve suddenly to avoid collision.
- Use seatbelts and Child Safety seats.
- Avoid distractions like not reading or write while driving. Pull over to check out that road map, choose a car phone that offers hands-free speaker phone operation.
- ALWAYS EXPECT OTHER DRIVERS TO DO THE UNEXPECTED

*Be on the lookout for a
"Defensive Driving" Class for Lincoln County Employees*



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Monthly Departmental Safety Meetings

Please remember, monthly departmental safety meetings must be documented and attendance rosters turned into Brenda Rebo. Attendance rosters should be turned in at the conclusion of each monthly safety meeting. The county will continue to conduct quarterly dinner gift certificate drawings for employees of departments who have 100% attendance at their monthly safety meetings. Employees attending all 12 departmental safety meetings shall be eligible for a safety incentive award at the end of the year.

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Lincoln County Safety Committee Mission Statement

To develop, put into practice, and maintain the Lincoln County Injury and Illness Prevention Program which promotes safety awareness and safe work practices for all county departments and employees and that is in compliance with all federal, state, and county requirements in order to reduce and prevent accidents, injuries, and illnesses of employees.

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