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GENERAL SAFETY

Here is a list of safe driving practices that will help to avoid accidents and injuries for you and others. When you think about them, you know they make sense. You have heard them all before. But ask yourself -- do you actually observe these safe driving practices?

Some of them are designed to protect pedestrians:

- Give pedestrians the right of way, whether they are in a crosswalk or not.
- Make a full stop at flashing red traffic signals, as well as at steady red traffic signals.
- Signal your turns.
- Come to a full stop at a stop sign.
- React to yellow lights, whether they are continuous or flashing, by slowing down and preparing to stop, and only proceeding very cautiously.
- Slow down in posted speed zones; they are posted because of pedestrian traffic, as well as the possibility of vehicle traffic entering from side streets.

Other rules are intended to avoid vehicle collisions:

- Signal before you leave a parking space so that the moving traffic knows what you intend.
- Signal when you are changing lanes, so people know what you intend to do.
- Stay on your own side of the center line, and stay in your own lane as you move.
- Get out of the way of emergency vehicles.