

Tips for the Best Chance to Stay Alive on the Highway

1. Always be sure everyone in your vehicle has their seatbelt on.
2. Drive the speed limit.
3. Avoid driving between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.
4. Do not drive with drugs, alcohol, etc. in your body.
5. Do not tailgate. If someone is tailgating you, slow down or pull over safely and let them pass.
6. Slowdown in rain and wet pavement conditions and cut your lights on.
7. Do not make a fast maneuver at a high speed to avoid something in the road. You will lose control. Run over the obstacle unless it presents more of a threat to your life than swerving to avoid it. Do not be concerned with possible vehicle damage. Do not stop in an interstate lane for any reason with high speed traffic behind you.
8. If your vehicle tire drops off the pavement, ride it out while slowing down then gently ease the vehicle back onto the roadway.
9. Give driving your full attention.
10. Wear a helmet while on a motorcycle or bicycle.
11. When riding a bicycle choose routes in this order of priority:
 - a) Bike lanes separate from the roadway
 - b) Marked bike lanes on public roadway
 - c) A low vehicular volume roadway
 - d) All other type roads except interstates
12. If on foot, walk facing traffic on the grass shoulder not the pavement, and wear light colored clothing. Do not walk impaired. If impaired, stay where you are or get a ride. Do not walk at night on a roadway without sidewalks. If sidewalks are present, use them.

13. If making a left turn while opposing heavy, slow moving traffic, do not proceed if a driver facing you 'motions' you through several lanes of opposing traffic.
14. If possible, make all left turns at traffic signals whether there is a signal 'arrow' or not.
15. Do not be annoyed by a rude driver. Just figure that they are not as skilled as you.
16. Do not drive when ice is on the roadway.
17. Fill your fuel tank when your gauge reads that a fourth of a tank remains.
18. Look at your tires once a month to see if they need inflation or if they need replacing and replace them if indicated.
19. Should you breakdown on the road, get your vehicle as far away from the edge of the travel way as possible. If you are able, get out of your car and wait for assistance further off the roadway than your vehicle's position.
20. Always use your turn signals.
21. While driving, know where the vehicles near you are located.
22. When passing large trucks on the interstate, do so without delay.
23. Do not remain behind a vehicle or trailer that appears to be unstable or has an unstable load upon it.
24. When exiting a shopping complex to make a left turn, do so at a traffic signal, if one is present.
25. When entering an interstate, attain the prevailing speed of the interstate as you merge into traffic.
26. If you are first in line at a red traffic signal, check to make sure all cross traffic in front of you has stopped before you proceed on a green signal. Ignore any 'honkers' behind you.
27. While stopped at a signal or Stop sign, do not speak to anyone approaching your vehicle on foot. Keep doors locked and windows up and move away as quickly and safely as possible in any direction if someone threatens you.
28. When in the right lane of the interstate and traffic is entering from a ramp, shift lanes if possible to allow them entry.