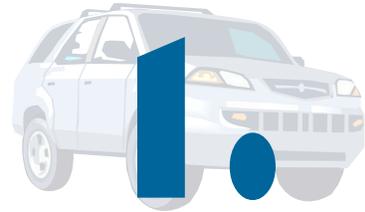


Safe Path Ahead

SMARTdriving Series



Keep plenty of space that is, a space cushion, between your vehicle and others on all sides. This cushion will allow time to react to danger and avoid a collision. The first consideration in “Space Cushion Driving” is to find a safe path for your vehicle to travel.

Set your sight high! Get your eyes up at the target. Set your sights on where your vehicle will be in the next 15 seconds. This eye-lead time will let you see about one and one-half blocks ahead at city speeds and about a quarter of a mile ahead at freeway or highway speeds. Be on the safe side: increase eye-lead to view about two blocks ahead in the city and one-half mile ahead on the highway.

Safe Path Objectives:

- Keep vehicle centered in the lane.
- See moving and fixed objects at least a block, and one-half mile ahead on expressways or highways.
- Maintain a safe following distance.
- Avoid swerving when passing other vehicles, turning or approaching parked vehicles.
- Reduce speed to allow for poor conditions or reduced visibility.



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