

Common Causes of Motor Vehicle Collisions

Safety Starts with You

Problem

- Most urban motor vehicle collisions occur at intersections
- Unsafe lane changes
- Excessive speed
- Following the vehicle in front of you too closely
- Not adjusting your driving for poor weather and road conditions
- Vehicle malfunction



Safety TIPS

Solution

- When entering an intersection, look around very carefully, obey the traffic signals or signs. Proceed with caution and don't assume anything.
- When changing lanes, check your mirrors and blind spots, watch out for other vehicles and start to signal well before you actually change lanes.
- Always obey speed limits, and slow down in unfavourable traffic or weather conditions.
- Always maintain a safe following distance between you and the vehicle in front. (3 to 6 second rule depending on vehicle length)
- In case of rain, fog, ice or snow, drive slower than you would normally and pay even more attention.
- Pay special attention to wiper blades and washer fluid, brakes and tires. Replace as soon as they are worn.

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