

DRIVING HABITS

Crash causing habits that do not need fatigue, distractions nor alcohol or illicit drugs to be present:

- Misjudging a safe gap
- Rushing
- Moving off too slow
- Driving too close
- Driving too fast
- Braking too late
- Applying the wrong road rule
- Poor observation
- Not anticipating
- Confrontational behaviour
- COMPLACENCY
- CARELESSNESS

...these are to be avoided/removed from our driving

Why do drivers break so many rules?

In my opinion, breaking road rules is generally a victimless action – no one gets hurt when I speed; I don't effect any one just because I don't stop at a STOP sign; everyone can tell I am changing lanes so why should I use my indicators; I can drive and talk on the phone at the same time

...except when things don't go to plan, something is missed or someone else is also breaking a rule or two...oops

What makes a driver competent?

Being Confident

- in your own ability, physically and mentally to drive safely
- in your car that it is roadworthy
- in your knowledge of the car you are driving
- knowing where you are driving, how you are getting there and being aware of the conditions you will be driving in
- choosing safe gaps
- quickly accepting others' courtesy
- not being bothered if others break the law
- always obeying all road rules for the stretch of road you are on

Being Cautious

- being aware of all vehicles near you – in front, behind and beside
- anticipating and responding to hazards and changing conditions
- not relying on others to do the right thing
- being prepared for their mistakes
- be the first to give in
- your brake pedal is your best friend

Being Considerate

- move off timely at lights
- drive to the conditions
- allow traffic to flow around you
- leave space for others

