

Chapter 10 Rural Driving Facts

Is rural driving more or less dangerous than urban driving?

- There are twice as many deaths on rural highways because people drive faster

What does speed affect as you drive?

- How far ahead to look
- Vehicle control
- Stopping distance

What percent of roads in the US are rural?

- 82%

What are rural roads commonly made from?

- Pavement, stone, dirt, or chip and seal

Why does the highway department post signs and signals along roads?

- Information, guidance, and direction

What are some hazards that you may encounter while driving in rural areas?

- Narrow bridges, ditches, guard rails, narrow shoulders...etc

You should allow a 3 second following distance while driving...how far is that (in feet) if you are driving 50 mph?

- 225 feet

How many seconds ahead should you be looking as part of your visual search pattern?

- 4-6, 12-15, and 20-30 seconds

How far away from the curve is a warning sign posted?

- 250-700 feet depending on the curve

When should you brake and accelerate when driving on a curve?

- Brake before the curve and accelerate through the curve

You are passing another car and you are approaching a no passing zone. Do you have to finish passing before the no passing zone or can you finish passing in the no passing zone?

- You have to finish before

How much faster should you be going than a car that you would like to pass?

- About 10 mph

Can you pass if you have a solid yellow line?

- No

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- No

How close to a hill (in feet) is passing prohibited?

- 700-1,000 feet

Is it legal to speed up when someone is trying to pass you (you try to prevent their pass)?

- No

How close to an intersection (in feet) is it illegal to pass another vehicle?

- 100 feet

What are the steps for passing another vehicle?

- Check traffic
- Signal
- Blind spot
- Pass and cancel signal
- Back to your lane when you can see headlights in your rear mirror

When should you swerve to miss an animal?

- You shouldn't, but you can brake and/or safely change lane positions after checking traffic

What should you do to keep from being blinded at night?

- Glance to the right

If you can't see well when driving up hill what should you do?

- Reduce your speed

Don't shift into neutral when driving down a mountain.