

Chapter 11 Driving on Expressways

Why is an expressway called a limited-access highway?

- You may not enter or exit from every road

What makes an expressway safer than regular highway?

- No cross traffic
- No on-coming traffic
- Wide shoulders and lanes
- No pedestrians
- Many signs

What are the different types of interchanges?

- Cloverleaf
- Diamond
- Trumpet
- All directional

Why are accidents on an expressway more serious than other highways?

- Higher Speeds

Why are exchanges on interstates different than on a regular highway?

- Traffic flow is not interrupted

If you are planning to travel on an expressway, what are some things that you should plan for?

- Fuel, food, and rest – stop every 2-hours

Entrance ramp – gives you access to the expressway

- How fast should you be going in the acceleration lane?
 - At least 60 mph
- Merge with traffic – they don't have to let you in
- Look for red/white wrong way signs

What should you do if you go down the wrong entrance ramp?

- Don't back up...just go to the freeway and exit at the next exit

What would you do if there was no gap to enter the expressway?

- Slow or stop before entering the acceleration lane

Don't enter the expressway if the light regulating it is red

- If you are having problems entering, tap brakes to let other know

What can happen if you stop in the acceleration lane?

- Cause a rear-end collision

Yellow X means that your lane is closed

- Don't drive between trucks because they may not see you

If the traffic is heavy in the right lane change to the center or left lane

- Watch the posted speed in construction zones
- Change one lane at a time
- Trucks are supposed to stay in the right lane
- Increase your following distance to 4-seconds
- If you are being passed on the right...move to the right lane
- Don't start slowing down until you are in the deceleration lane
- Watch your speed

What is Highway hypnosis?

- Inattentive drowsy state

What is velocitation?

- You think that you are traveling slower than you are

Disabled car – move to the right shoulder or left median

If roads are wet, increase your following distance to more than 4-seconds