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## **Some Rules of Defensive Driving**

- **Pay attention** - Paying attention can become a habit, but you have to work at it. Make conscious, persistent choices NOT to do the things you may do that take your attention from your driving.
- **Don't trust other drivers** - You can never rely on what other drivers will do. Keep a wary eye on other drivers and establish a space cushion.
- **Yield anyway** - If you are in doubt about who has the right of way, give it away. The other driver may be wrong; however, you may avoid an accident.
- **Chill Out** - Driving safely is about attitude. Remember these words: "It doesn't matter." When other drivers make mistakes, or are rude brush it off.
- **Look down the road** - This means keep your eyes UP and looking down the road. Many drivers focus on the road only 5 or 8 seconds ahead. You should be looking about 15-20 seconds ahead of your vehicle, farther if you can. This gives you the time to recognize and avoid most potential hazards before they become a problem.

