

WORKSHEET LESSON #9

What will you be sharing the road with?

- ✓ Pedestrians
- ✓ Construction Workers
- ✓ Motorcycles and Bicycles
- ✓ Emergency Vehicles
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Animals
- ✓ Large Trucks
- ✓ Trains
- ✓ Other Drivers

Notes:

- **Pedestrians** – be careful in HIGH RISK AREAS such as School zones; Parks; Playgrounds; Bus stops; Parking lots; College campuses; Intersections and mid-block crossings. Children are unpredictable, search carefully & use ground viewing
Yield to pedestrians in crosswalk and allow enough crossing time
Most collisions with pedestrians occur at night; low light and poor weather = reduced visibility (for both drivers and pedestrians).
- **Motorcycles and Bicycles** – 2-wheeled vehicles may swerve suddenly to avoid road hazards that automobile drivers would not. Bicyclists are required to follow the same rules of the road as cars, however, *never assume they will*. Never share a lane (squeeze into the same lane) with a motorcycle.
- **Construction Workers** – Always follow construction zone speed limits. “Give ‘em a brake!” Always assume there is a worker present at an active construction zone.
- **Emergency Vehicles** – Any time you hear a siren or see flashing red or blue lights, pull over as far to the right as possible and stop.
- **Police - Traffic Stop** – Remain calm; Find a safe place to pull over; Remain in the car; Turn the engine off; Turn on hazards; Keep your hands visible, (on the steering wheel); Be patient & polite
- **Animals** – In neighborhoods, dogs and cats may dart into the roadway when least expected. Do not swerve or brake too hard in an attempt to avoid hitting small animals, you may lose control and put yourself or other roadway users in danger. Be careful of wild animals, particularly on highways at dusk and dawn.
- **Large Trucks** – Drivers of large trucks have very limited visibility, and the trucks have large blind areas around them. A large truck turning right sometimes swings wide so the trailer can clear the curb or other objects in its path.
- **Trains** – Always expect a train! At railroad crossings, remain patient, pay attention and exercise sound judgment. Never stop your vehicle on railroad tracks for any reason.
- **Other Drivers** – Typical errors drivers make include: Vision errors, Failure to yield right-of-way, Improper speed adjustment, Poor judgment of distance or space requirements, Inadequate or improper vehicle control, Improper signals. Be especially careful when: exiting, merging, passing (dotted yellow lines), in weave lanes, and at intersections. Be prepared to communicate and to receive communication.