

Driving in Urban Traffic

Chapter Overview: Chapter 9 will introduce you to urban driving situations by providing techniques and procedures for safe driving. You will learn how to use a 3-second following distance and how to cover the brake in tight driving situations. Interaction with other road users as pedestrians and tailgating drivers is addressed.

Section 1: Adjusting to Urban Traffic- This section highlights the main factors that make city driving difficult and how to use the IPDE Process in urban traffic.

Section 1 Objectives: *Following this section, I will be able to:*

1. Name two factors that can make driving difficult in city traffic.
2. Describe how to use the IPDE Process for city driving.

Section 2: Following and Meeting Traffic- This section focuses on maintaining a space cushion between your vehicle and possible hazards.

Section 2 Objectives: *Following this section, I will be able to:*

1. Describe how to use the 3-second following distance rule.
2. Describe how you can safely manage a tailgater.
3. List the steps to take to avoid conflicts with oncoming traffic.

Section 3: Managing Space in Urban Traffic- This section focuses on managing space in urban traffic. Appropriate procedures for approaching traffic signals are included. Strategies for adjusting speed are addressed. Techniques for selecting a lane and procedures for changing lanes and passing are described.

Section 3 Objectives: *Following this section, I will be able to:*

1. Describe how far ahead you should look in city traffic.
2. Tell how to cover the brake.
3. Explain how to select the proper lane for driving.

Section 4: Special Urban Situations- This section will teach you how to identify one-way streets and how to enter and exit one-way streets.

Section 4 Objectives: *Following this section, I will be able to:*

1. Describe the procedure for turning left or right from a one-way street.
2. Explain how to warn a driver who is driving the wrong way on a street.

Chapter 9 Vocabulary

At the conclusion of this chapter, I will be able to define:

Section 1

No words

Section 2

1. tailgate

Section 3

2. cover the brake
3. overtake
4. ride the brake

Section 4

No words