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Driving Instructor – Fear The Other Driver

By Maisy Day

Why fear the driving instructor when all he/she wants to do is help build up your confidence and teach you to drive. They are not ogres – they are human beings just like you and me – only with more knowledge on how to control and drive a vehicle of which they will be sharing with you – once you have booked your first driving lesson.

In a way it should be the roads you fear more so than that of your driving instructor. Not knowing what another driver is going to do has to be the scary part of learning to drive, however in saying that, if you stick to the Highway Code and the other driver also –then there should be no problems

A driving instructor's work is cut out for him/her and also the learner, there job entails teaching people to drive safely on the roads and to prepare them for their driving test. Your instructor will throughout your lessons become your close companion/friend giving you sound advice as time progresses. They will help you relax while at the same time building up your confidence along the way before any introduction of the controls take place. The basis of driving will follow this.

Once the initial start up process has begun and you are now comfortable with the basics – then the lessons following this will take place on the public roads. At this stage, you will be sat behind the driver's wheel and will carry out any manoeuvres suggested by the driving instructor. Normally most learners starting out will have a designated route to follow in advance. You will be monitored at all times by your driving instructor during your lessons. The instructor will be looking to see how you handle the vehicle and if you are following the rules accordingly etc.

Learners and their car they learn to drive in will have dual controls; this is a safety precaution for both you the instructor and other motorists on the road. Dual controls will be used in a case of emergency – where the vehicle you are in will need to be halted. If a friend or member of your family has kindly offered their services i.e. teaching you to drive then make sure they have all the legal requirements to do so – they must have held a valid full driving licence for three years. L plates will need to be displayed.

Do not attempt to drive a vehicle that is not roadworthy – you don't want to lose that licence – before it's issued.

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Defensive Driving: The Basics

By Robert Thatcher

It is a fact that though drivers can control most of their actions most of the time, they are totally powerless when it comes to the actions of other drivers. They simply do not know what other drivers on the road are going to do. This is why it is very important for drivers to learn the special skill called defensive driving. So if you want to protect yourself and your loved ones from accident, then it is highly advisable that you take defensive driving courses. Such classes offer a wealth of information when it comes to preventing or fixing road mishaps.

What is defensive driving? Simply put, it is a way of driving where the driver takes every possible precautionary measure in order to prevent accidents or untoward incidents from occurring. Defensive driving is probably the best way to ensure the safety of a driver and his or her passengers,

Below are some of the basics of defensive driving:

Be ready with every possible situation that might happen on the roads. Constant preparedness is probably the best trait of a very good defensive driver. Before driving your car make it a habit to check the tire pressure, and the water, oil and gas levels. It is also important to check the lights and mirrors. It is also wise to make sure that you have all the necessary documents pertaining to your car with you before leaving.

Avoid showing road rage. You should also, as much as possible, avoid other drivers showing signs of road rage. Don't react to the anger of other motorists. Always keep your head cool. The color of your car is very important in defensive driving. You are in a better position if your car is brightly colored. Advantageous colors in defensive are red, orange, yellow or other brightly colored. Because they are easily seen, bright colored cars are less likely to get involved in an accident.

Remember to always use your headlight while night driving. It is very stupid, not to mention illegal, to

drive without the headlights on at night.

Always follow the three second rule of driving. According to this rule, a driver must always be at least three seconds of driving time from the driver in front in all conditions. Drivers should be five second behind the driver in front during bad conditions.

Never follow a vehicle, especially big trucks and busses too closely. By doing so, driver will be sure to have perfect visibility.

Always avoid being in the blind side of other drivers. If an accident happens, It is pretty sure that you certainly cannot blame the other party for what has happened.

As much as possible, drive with a companion. This will ensure hat someone will be there with you in case something happens.

While on the road, avoid getting close to cars that are broken down or has damages. These cars are most likely run by irresponsible drivers. You can bet that they are not defensive drivers.

The above are just the basics of defensive driving. To know more about defensive driving and how it can save you money, your car and even your life, then consider enrolling in a defensive driving school soon.

These are only a few of the defensive driving rules that are out there. You will find a wide range of them as well as places to take defensive driving classes on the web.

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