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"For Safety's Sake - Do Something"

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Safe Driving - #JustDrive

You are traveling and exiting an interstate when the car in front of you stops suddenly causing you to rear-end that car. The airbags deploy and there is significant damage to your vehicle. You were not distracted at the time of the crash, but obviously was too close to the other vehicle. You were not injured in the accident, but was sore and bruised up from the crash. Thankfully you were wearing your seat belt. You were cited by law enforcement for failure to maintain an assured clear stopping distance. Don't forget to document the crash with details of what happened, any photos, witness statements, and a police report. If this occurs during your workday, did you file an Incident Report with your company?

Short and long term countermeasures:

- Ensure a minimum of a two-second following distance under normal conditions. Increase this distance in inclement weather.
- Slow down and drive for the conditions and surroundings.
- Avoid distractions that could cause a delay in your response.

Protect yourself:

- Stay rested stay alert. Actively pay attention to your actions and those of the drivers around you.
- Avoid assumptions Don't make the mistake of assuming what other drivers are going to do or what you think they should do.
- Use turn signals Always use your turn signals in advance of making a lane change or turning.
- Buckle up Wear your seat belt and ensure that all passengers do the same.
- Follow traffic signals Pay close attention to and obey stop signs and traffic lights.
- Come to a complete stop When you see a stop sign or a red light, bring your vehicle to a complete stop.
- Do not text and drive It is never acceptable to message when operating a motor vehicle. Avoid distractions.
- Obey speed limits Stick to the posted speed limit at all times.
- Make adjustments for weather When the weather is less than perfect, such as rainy, snowy, or foggy conditions, use extra precaution.
- Most states have laws for inclement weather and require headlights to be on if the wipers are on.
- In all construction zones, slow down to posted speeds and *Give 'Em a Brake* while watching for workers and vehicles.





Safety Scott says "For Safety's Sake, Do Something" and drive like YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!

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