

Anticipating Behaviors
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(Text on screen)
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(IMAGE)

Two animated vehicles are driving down an animated roadway. Another car comes from behind and quickly passes the original two cars. The car in back is indicated to notice another car looking to merge in front of it, and then the presence of three traffic cones shows why the car wanted to merge.

(Announcer: Male voice)

The behavior of another driver can indicate their intentions or set off a caution light in your head. Observe and monitor the cars around you. You may notice how stressed people tend to drive more erratically. You're more likely to witness this in more complex driving environments, such as in traffic, construction zones, et cetera.

(IMAGE)

Examples of poor driving are seen, including one car cutting another off, running through a stoplight and yellow light and weaving in and out of traffic. Next, we see a roadway from above. One car moves to maintain a space around it.

(Announcer: Male voice)

Drivers in a hurry may cut you off, run a stoplight, race through a yellow light, or weave in and out of traffic. Although it may be frustrating when others act irresponsibly, it's not worth becoming a risky driver yourself by getting upset or emotional. Maintaining a large space cushion around all four sides of your car is the best way to keep traffic moving smoothly and reduce the likelihood of dealing with a risky driver. This extra space will also protect you in case another driver acts in unexpected ways. You may see a cheater who pulls out into traffic or a timid driver who just waits for the other drivers and waves them through.

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Driving is not a competition

(IMAGE)

Cars are seen driving on a roadway. One car has a sign appear above it marking it as a "TOURIST." Next, we see a phone appear above another car.

(Announcer: Male voice)

Remember, driving is not a competition. Look for signs, such as a brand new or older drivers, or out-of-state license plates. These could all point to a lost driver who's seeking direction. Drivers like this may make sudden hard stops or cross multiple lanes of traffic. Also, watch for distracted drivers who may be texting or talking on their phones. They may have to stop suddenly if they notice an obstacle too late. Or worse, they may cause a crash ahead.

(IMAGE)

Seen from above, one car drifts into the other lane just in front of the other car. The other car slows down to avoid the drifting

(Announcer: Male voice)

Watch for drivers who make frequent lane changes or drift into your lane. When you see a driver with erratic behaviors, fall back and give them space. Stay calm so you have a clear head to adjust your driving to avoid the person.

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