



## SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT

# CHANGING LANES



Lately we have seen a frequency rise in lane change accidents. Here are some tips to avoid these types of collisions...

### Making the Lane Change

- 1) First, make sure there are no pedestrians, vehicles, or other objects in the intended lane. Use all mirrors to ensure you have an adequate opening.
- 2) Next, communicate to other drivers...turn on your signal. Do not simply flick your turn signal so it only flashes once. Two flicks isn't enough either. Leave it on throughout the entire lane change process.
- 3) Re-check the lane with your mirrors. Determine the gap you will move into will not disrupt the flow of traffic. Other vehicles should not have to make abrupt movements to get out of your way.
- 4) Do not move abruptly into the new lane. Slowly move the first set of tires over the line, again checking mirrors. If another vehicle is in your blind spot, this technique can give extra space to avoid a collision.
- 5) After this maneuver, look back again in your mirrors for any vehicle speeding up from behind trying to pass.
- 6) At all times while making the lane change...don't forget to keep an eye on what's happening in front of you!
- 7) Continue with the lane change once you are certain it is safe to do so. Once you are completely in the new lane, turn off your signal, and adjust your space cushion around your vehicle, especially in front.



← Use this..to avoid this! →



## TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Congrats to **Pete Larphaveesarp** who correctly answered the June trivia question... when taking photos at an accident scene, you should avoid taking photos of injured persons.

### July Question

According to the article on the front page of this newsletter...when making a lane change, how do you best communicate to other drivers your intention to change lanes?

Submit your answer by contacting Rob Leetham:  
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Correct answers will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 Chili's Restaurant Gift Certificate



**SURPRISE! SECRET GIFT! WINNER! CONGRATULATIONS!**

IF YOUR NAME IS HANDWRITTEN BELOW CALL ROB L. or REBECCA by Thurs 07/21 to REDEEM YOUR PRIZE!

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## REBECCA'S CORNER



### Happy Birthday!

Jacob Gonzalez	Jul 06	Corp
Salvador Vasquez	Jul 12	JCP
Rico Nogot	Jul 18	RJRH
Raman Sharma	Jul 20	LAM
Rodolfo Cruz	Jul 23	MIP
Salvador Rodriguez	Jul 27	MIP
Carlos Pantoha	Jul 31	MIP



### Company Anniversaries

Carl Miles	13 Years!	LAM
Costa Montoya	11 Years!	PFS
Dave Brown	8 Years!	JCP
Francisco Orantes	8 Years!	RJRH
Uwe Petersen	7 Years!	ONT
Tom Lucett	6 Years!	LAM
Marve Eggleston	6 Years!	PFS
Salvador Vazquez	5 Years!	JCP
Carlos Pantoha	3 Years!	MIP
Jacob Gonzalez	1 Year!	Corp
John Montemayor	1 Year!	PFS
Rodolfo Cruz	1 Year!	MIP



Next month (August) is **Open Enrollment** for the Medical and Dental Insurance. If you declined coverage when you were eligible you can enroll during the month of August for a September 1 effective date.

