

# **Motor Vehicle Safety**

The #1 most common accident every single year is motor vehicle accidents. RMI has taken and implemented an aggressive approach to motor vehicle safety in 2025. Through various approaches, RMI has implemented a safety program which supports a better effort in awareness of safe driving practices. Below is key information related to motor vehicle safety.

Motor vehicle incidents are one of the leading causes of workplace injuries and fatalities. Whether you drive a company vehicle or your own, safe driving practices protect you, your passengers, and the public.

## 1. Statistics and Impact:

- In 2022 there were an estimated 5,930,496 police-reported traffic crashes in which 42,514 people were killed and an estimated 2,382,771 people were injured (National Safety Council)
- Every **12 minutes**, someone dies in a car crash (National Highwat Traffic Safety Administration)
- In 2022, deaths from crashes resulted in \$470 BILLION in total cost (Center for Disease Control – Transportation Safety)

# 2. Safe Driving Practices:

 Inspect Before You Go – Check brakes, tires, lights, and mirrors.
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2. **Buckle Up** – Every person, every trip, every time.



- 3. **Stay Focused** No phones, no distractions.
- 4. **Adjust for Conditions** Slow down in bad weather or heavy traffic.
- 5. **Keep Distance** At least 3 seconds behind the vehicle ahead.

## 3. **Summary**

When we are behind the wheel, the decisions we make have real consequences. Wearing your seat belt is the simplest and most effective step you can take, it drastically increases your chances of surviving a crash. Avoiding distractions is equally critical. Texting, adjusting

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the radio, or even eating can pull your attention from the road for just a few seconds, but at highway speeds, those seconds can be the difference between safety and disaster.

Driving defensively is another key habit. Always maintain a safe following distance, anticipate the actions of other drivers, and adjust your speed for traffic, weather, and road conditions. Remember to inspect your vehicle before you drive—check the brakes, lights, mirrors, and tires so you do not discover a problem when it's too late.

#### 4. Conclusion

The goal is simple: we all want to make it home at the end of the day. Every trip deserves your full attention, whether it's across town or across the state. Safe driving isn't just about protecting yourself—it's about protecting everyone who shares the road with you.



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