

Garrison Safety Newsletter

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DRIVING SAFETY TIPS TO AVOID ACCIDENTS

When you're behind the wheel of a car – whether alone or with passengers – driving safely should always be your top concern. We're more distracted than ever, so it's crucial to know the basics of safe driving and practice them every time you're on the road. Here are some safe driving tips:

Top Four Driving Safety Tips:

1. Focus on driving:

- Always wear seatbelts and always keep 100% of your attention on driving – no multi-tasking.
- Don't use your phone or any other electronic devices while driving.
- Slow down. Speeding gives you less time to react and increases the severity of an accident.

2. Drive defensively:

- Be aware of what other drivers around you are doing, and expect the unexpected.
- Assume other motorists will do something unexpected, and always be prepared to avoid it.
- Keep a 3-second cushion between you and the car in front of you.
- Make that 4 seconds or more if the weather is bad.

3. Plan ahead:

- Build time into your trip schedule to stop for phone calls or other business.
- Adjust your seat, mirrors and climate controls before putting the car in gear.
- Pull over to eat or drink. It takes only a few minutes.

4. Practice safety:

- Secure cargo that may move around while the vehicle is in motion.
- Don't attempt to retrieve items that fall to the floor.
- Keep items needed within easy reach.



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Army Traffic Safety Training Program (ATSTP)

Remedial Driver's Training (RDT) is based on the American Institute for Public Safety's "Roadrageous" driver course and is provided to drivers who are cited for at fault accidents while driving a government vehicle. Other personnel may be required to attend the training as deemed necessary by the local command.

"Roadrageous" is a remedial training course that focuses on driver behavior and attitudes and is designed to change the way people think, feel and behave behind the wheel.

Independent studies have shown "Roadrageous" training to be effective in reducing collisions by as much as 64 to 74 percent. Preventing motor vehicle accidents preserves valuable resources while protecting Soldiers and Civilians from injury or death.

Intermediate Driver's Training (IDT) is a required course for Soldiers less than 26 years of age. Other personnel may be required to attend the training as deemed necessary by the local command. This course covers personnel risk assessment through the use of A.C.T (Assess the situation, Consider the risk and Take action) to minimize your personal risk while driving.

NOTE: Newly arriving Soldiers to Fort Irwin that are less than 26 years of age will be instructed by the USAG Replacement Detachment Cadre to sign up for IDT training in AIRS at the earliest training date available. The USAG Replacement Cadre will verify that the Soldier has signed up for training. IDT Training shall be conducted prior to the Soldier going to the gaining unit.

Local Hazards Training is provided for all newly assigned personnel to an Army installation or theater. The course covers local driving hazards they may encounter while serving at that location. This course can be accessed from the following link: <http://www.irwin.army.mil/Pages/Common/Safety.html>

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