

# A Call to ACTION

# Essential CHECKLIST

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## Professional Driving – Best Practices

A professional driver needs to be properly trained to drive defensively with a positive attitude. This will result in fewer accidents and a driver who will then do all the other things right, on a consistent basis.

### Top 10 Do's & Don'ts of Defensive Driving

- 1** Don't take chances. Stay out of it and avoid accidents
- 2** Always expect the unexpected - be alert.
- 3** Even if you think you have the right of way, don't insist if the other driver tries to take the gap.
- 4** Avoid driving in a group of vehicles. Separate yourself and create some space. Remember following distance.
- 5** Plan ahead when driving around towns. Check the least travelled route and avoid traffic and hazards.



### THE DRIVER'S CREED

- Drive Safely
- Drive Expertly
- Drive Defensively
- Keep a calm, positive attitude



- 6** Always read the road signs, especially on freeways.
- 7** Emergency stops – pull off road altogether, moving as deep into the emergency lane as possible. Never stop near a sharp curve or below the crest of a hill. At night, keep your lights on.
- 8** Ensure all safety critical components are in working order, especially brakes.
- 9** Adjust driving to conditions of road, to the weather, to your physical condition and mental attitude.
- 10** Always drive defensively being prepared to counter other drivers' mistakes.

### Did you know?

Nearly all accidents that occur are due to human error

### Train your drivers



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