



### **Obey The Law**

- q Observe speed limits
- q Obey traffic signs and signals
- q Pass other vehicles only on the left; signal your intention before changing lanes
- q Never pass a stopped school bus
- q Yield to drivers who have the right of way
- q Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- q Use your seat belt



### **Drive Sensibly and Defensively**

- q Correctly position mirrors and seat before you start
- q Never tailgate, stay at least three car distances behind the driver ahead of you
- q Don't insist on the right-of-way if the other driver will not yield it
- q Dim your headlights for oncoming cars and those ahead
- q Be aware of what's happening several vehicle lengths ahead and behind you

#### **Ø Expect the unexpected**

- q Reckless behavior from other drivers
- q People or animals darting into the road
- q Swerving cyclists
- q Potholes or debris in the roadway



### **Take Bad Weather Precautions**

- q Use wipers, defroster and headlights
- q Counter glare from sun or snow with sunglasses
- q Clear snow from hood, roof and *all* windows
- q Reduce speed when visibility is poor or roadways are slick
- q Watch out for puddles, icy patches and sudden pockets of fog



### **Maintain Your Vehicle**

- q Conduct a pre-driving inspection every time
- q Be sure that scheduled maintenance checks are carried out in time
- q Be alert to below-par performance of any equipment; have it attended to promptly
- q Don't abuse your vehicle by driving too fast over bumpy terrain
- q Don't make unnecessarily sharp turns or sudden stops and starts