



Drive Safe – Drive Defensively

- A recent study by the National Council on Compensation Insurance found that work related injuries due to traffic accidents represent a rising cost factor in worker's compensation not only in terms of injury severity, but also lost time from work and the added costs for the employer in this regard.
- **Driving Safely**
 1. Do not start the engine without first securing your seat belt and locking your doors.
 2. Do not use cell phones, PDA's, MP3 players, or other such devices while driving.
 3. Do not carry passengers unless directed to do so by your employer for a job related purpose.
- **Driving Defensively**
 1. Driving defensively means not only taking responsibility for yourself and your actions, but also keeping an eye out for the other guy in cars around you.
 2. Driving too fast or too slow can increase the likelihood of collisions.
 3. Do not drive while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
 4. Be alert for cars driving erratically. This may be the sign of an impaired driver.
 5. Notify the police of any driver you observe operating a vehicle carelessly.
 6. Follow the rules of the road and all posted traffic signs. Do not contest the right of way at intersections or when merging. Be respectful of other motorists.
 7. Do not follow too closely.
 8. While driving be alert, cautious, aware, and responsible.