

# TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

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## ROAD HAZARDS COACHING TOPIC

### The Issue

There are many types of road hazards on today's busy highways. They can be anything from construction barricades and workers, to pot holes, trash or trash containers, farm equipment (slow moving vehicles), and/or falling rocks and other debris.

### Our Concern

Your safety is our #1 concern. Drivers must constantly be on the lookout for hazards on the roadway. Never let down your guard concerning possible obstructions in your travel path. Keep your eyes moving. Look ahead, as far down the roadway as you can, trying to see and anticipate possible hazards. Hazards can come in all shapes and sizes. Anything from a small to medium size pot hole that can cause you to lose control, to a large farm implement traveling at a slow speed (requiring you to slow down and possibly stop). Falling rocks, trash or trash cans can suddenly appear in your travel path. Stay alert and stay alive.

Drivers involved in these types of driving collisions typically tell us that they never saw the hazard until it was too late. We don't want to see this happen to you.

### A Solution

The best solution is stay alert. To help you heed this advice, follow these suggestions:

- Get plenty of rest prior to your trip.
- Study your route in advance. Know if any construction is anticipated. Are you entering areas where there could be falling rocks, etc?
- Avoid all unnecessary distractions...reading maps, talking on the phone, or any other activity that takes your attention away from driving.
- Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel scanning ahead for hazards.

**WATCH OUT FOR ROAD HAZARDS**