

# TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

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## RUNNING STOP SIGNS & RED LIGHTS COACHING TOPIC

### The Issue

Running stop signs and red lights is hazardous to you, other motorists, and pedestrians that may be in the area. When you take the risk to run a stop sign or red light, you make the assumption that no pedestrian, bicyclist, or other motor vehicle is going to be entering the intersection at the same time that you do.

This is a dangerous assumption to make!

### Our Concern

When you run a stop sign or light you seriously jeopardize your own safety and the safety of others. Traffic control devices (be it lights or signs) were developed to allow for an organized vehicle flow at intersections. When you violate these devices you are endangering the lives of others. Your goal and your company's goal is for you to arrive at your destination safely.

Anticipate a change in a light that has been green for a long length of time. This is typically referred to as a "stale green light." Meaning that the light has been green for a long time and is turning "stale" and is about to change. Don't try to beat the light. Be prepared to slow down and stop if necessary.

Watch out for others who may also have decided to run the sign or light. Even if the light is green for your direction of traffic, look both ways before proceeding into the intersection. Come to a full stop at stop signs. Look left, right, left to be sure no other persons or vehicles are planning to enter the same intersection. Be sure the road is clear before you proceed into the most dangerous area for accidents...*intersections*.

Your safety is our #1 concern.

### A Solution

Here are some ideas to help you drive safely when approaching intersections with stop signs and traffic lights.

- Scan ahead and be prepared to stop
- Watch for "stale green" lights
- Slow down when approaching intersections
- Think "you first, then me" and be courteous to others