

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

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UNABLE TO STAY WITHIN LANE COACHING TOPIC

The Issue

If you are unable to stay in your lane, it may be because you are having steering (mechanical problems). Or, it may be caused because you are physically fatigued and not mentally alert, or are under the influence of alcohol/drugs or other stimulants. In any case you are creating a serious safety hazard on the roadway.

When other motorists see you moving erratically from one side to another in your lane, or weaving into and out of their lane, they assume that you are in some way impaired. If this action continues for some period of time and distance, they begin to fear for your safety and the safety of others.

It is usually at this point that if the other motorist has a cellular phone and a way of reporting your actions that they might call a 1-800 advisory number (that may be posted on your vehicle) or call the police or highway patrol.

Our Concern

The real concern here is for your safety and the safety of others. Other motorists who are observing this erratic driving behavior are concerned for your health and well-being. They feel that the best thing they can do is get the activity reported as soon as possible so that someone can give you the necessary help if you are physically impaired (for whatever reason).

If you should ever realize that you are wandering in your lane, and you are unable to control your vehicle, pull over and stop in a safe place where you can get the necessary assistance. Do this as soon as possible and in a safe manner. Your health and safety is the first priority. Never continue to travel on down the road being a hazard to yourself and to others.

A Solution

Keep yourself mentally and physically alert. Use only medications that you have discussed with your doctor. Keep your vehicle centered in your lane. If you should ever feel impaired in any way, check the traffic area around you and make plans to safely pull over and stop your vehicle as soon as possible. Your safety and the safety of others may be at risk. Do not proceed until you know that you and your vehicle are properly prepared to do so.

BE SAFE...DON'T BE A WANDERER