



# TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

# RISK REMINDER

## Intersection Accidents

The intersection is one of the few places on the road where a driver will purposely cross the path of other vehicles. Many motor vehicle accidents happen here. The causes of intersection accidents are many, even in what is supposed to be a controlled intersection. The following are some tips on how to avoid intersection accidents.



- As you approach an intersection (controlled or not), never assume the other driver is going to yield. Take your foot off the accelerator and cover the brake and be ready to stop.
- If you are approaching an intersection where the light has been green for a while, cover your brake and prepare to stop.
- When the traffic light does turn green, wait to make sure traffic has stopped. Never assume other drivers are going to stop.
- When proceeding through an intersection look left, then right, then left again if possible.
- Always wear your seatbelt and watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, etc.
- Avoid distractions such as your two-way radio, mobile phone or your passengers.
- Use your signals. In an uncontrolled intersection you may use hand gestures to move someone through the intersection ahead of you.
- Treat uncontrolled intersections as if a stop or yield sign is posted; especially when tall crops are present.



- Remember that an intersection accident will happen within the first few seconds of entering a crossroads situation. This sounds simple, but if you can apply the above rules in those 2-3 seconds you may just avoid an intersection accident.
- Take into account bad weather. Slow down. Anticipate others sliding through an intersection.

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