

**BAD
DRIVING**

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?



21 Tips To Drive By

- 1** Be physically and mentally prepared to drive. Make sure your car is well maintained.
- 2** Don't drive after using any drugs or alcohol. Your blood/alcohol level should be zero anytime you drive.
- 3** Keep your mind focused on driving. Don't talk on cell phones, eat, drink, adjust your radio, discipline children or do other activities that distract your attention.
- 4** Leave early enough for a safe commute. When you leave 10 minutes late, expect to arrive 10 minutes late.
- 5** Always wear seatbelts and use child restraints even in parking lots.
- 6** Use extreme caution when backing up. Visibility is always reduced if you're driving backward.
- 7** Kick bad driving habits to the curb. Don't roll through stop signs or rush through yellow lights.
- 8** Drive the speed limit. If other motorists are driving 5 or 10 miles above the speed limit, don't follow the pack. It's never OK to speed.
- 9** Look ahead at least one or two blocks so you can anticipate changes in traffic flow and upcoming traffic control devices, including school zones, stop signs and signals.
- 10** Watch for children near schools and on sidewalks, streets and driveways. Do not park or stop on crosswalks or make U-turns in school zones.
- 11** Stop when you see flashing red lights on a school bus. Motorists must stop in both directions unless the road is divided by a median.
- 12** Slow down in construction work zones. Adapt to changing road, traffic and weather conditions.
- 13** Drive defensively. Be aware of the dangers other drivers may pose.
- 14** Don't follow too close. This is a common cause of crashes. Stay at least 2 seconds behind the car in front of you – or about one car length for every 10 miles per hour you're driving. Use more caution if the speed limit is higher or if road or weather conditions are poor. You'll need more room to stop safely.
- 15** Use your turning signals. They help drivers anticipate other motorists' moves on the road, reducing the chance of crashes.
- 16** Avoid excessive lane changes. It won't get you there any faster.
- 17** Pull to the right so emergency vehicles can pass. Do not park in fire lanes or in front of fire hydrants.
- 18** Be patient and courteous with other motorists. Clark County is a tourist destination, and our population grows by 5,000 new residents a month.
- 19** Learn the traffic laws of each state where you travel. Laws can vary greatly on U-turns and right turns on red, in particular. The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's Handbook is available online at www.dmvnv.com.
- 20** Stress and aggressive driving can be deadly combinations on the road. Let aggressive drivers pass. Report serious aggressive driving by calling Metro at 3-1-1 or Nevada Highway Patrol at *N-H-P.
- 21** Carpool. It reduces insurance rates. Studies also show it's a safer way to drive.

