

Student Handout

Vehicular incidents

Vehicle movements can be difficult to predict. Auto mechanics have been seriously injured or killed by moving vehicles. Also, driving vehicles with which you are unfamiliar, or that may have defects in essential safety features such as brakes or steering, requires extra care and attention.

Examples of hazards

- a vehicle moving in an unexpected direction
- defective brakes or steering
- unfamiliar vehicle

Safety tips

- Never walk or stand directly behind or in front of a vehicle with a driver behind the wheel.
- Make eye contact with the driver and keep him or her in your line of sight.
- Stay clear of vehicles in motion.
- Stand to the side when directing vehicles over service pits or onto hoists.
- When test-driving a car, adjust the seat, steering wheel, and mirrors so you can drive safely.
- Fasten your seat belt.
- Familiarize yourself with lights, turn signals and windshield washers before putting the vehicle in motion.
- Follow the rules of the road.
- Be alert – anticipate road conditions, vehicle problems, and the actions of other drivers.

