

#### I Driver

### **I-I Safe Driving Practices**

## Fact

 Seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 45% and the risk of severe injury by 50%

- Always ensure that you and your passengers wear seat belts
- Maintain a calm and positive attitude towards other road users
- Stay within the speed limit; remember, they are limits, not targets
- Adjust your speed to match road and weather conditions



## I-2 Fatigue

### Facts

- 10-20% of global road crashes are fatigue related
- A driver awake for 17 hours has the same crash risk as a driver at the 0.05 blood alcohol level (twice the normal risk)

- Plan your journey and take breaks
- Rest well before your journey
- Postpone your journey if you are feeling ill or tired
- Avoid driving late at night
- Pull over in a safe place and get some rest if you feel tired
- Drive in shifts when possible: one person driving, the other resting



#### **I-3** Distractions



 Using a cell phone while driving, whether hands-free or not, increases the risk of a crash by 4 times





- Put your phone in silent mode and place it out of sight
- Provide entertainment for children, such as movies or books, to keep them busy
- · Keep music volume low
- Focus on driving and keep your eyes on the road
- Ask passengers to help you navigate and read directions



### 2 Vehicle

# Fact

 Regular vehicle maintenance can help prevent accidents by up to 15% and improve fuel efficiency by up to 10%



- Check fuel, licenses, oil, water, electrics, rubber, and safety equipment (first aid kit, fire extinguisher, hi-vis jackets, warning triangles, etc.)
- Ensure vehicle servicing is up to date
- Check tyres pressure and tread depth and fuel level
- Check the condition of lights and wipers
- Check oil, water, electrics, rubber, and safety equipment (first aid kit, fire extinguisher, hi-vis jackets, warning triangles, etc.)



#### 3 Road and Weather Conditions

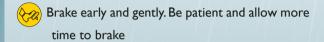
#### 3-1 Rain

# Fact

 Driving on wet roads increases your vehicle's stopping distance by up to 50%

- Slow down and maintain a safe distance from other vehicles
- Turn on your headlights and use your wipers for better visibility





- Test your brakes after driving through standing water
- Stay alert! Other road users may behave unpredictably
- Avoid entering a running wadi if the waterflow has reached the red mark on wadi posts



### 3-2 Fog

## Fact

 Fog greatly reduces visibility and makes it difficult for drivers to see other vehicles, pedestrians, and road signs

- Always check weather conditions before you drive
- Slow down and use dipped headlights and fog lights to improve visibility
- Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles to allow for sudden stops or manoeuvers
- Be prepared for sudden changes in visibility, as fog can vary in density
- If visibility becomes extremely poor, it is advisable to pull over at a safe location and wait until the fog clears before continuing your journey

#### 3-3 Wind

## Fact

 Strong winds can affect vehicle stability and reduce visibility due to dust or sand

- Slow down and maintain a safe distance from other vehicles
- Hold the steering wheel firmly to maintain control of your vehicle
- Be prepared for sudden crosswinds, especially when driving near large vehicles or in open areas
- Turn on your dipped headlights to improve visibility
- Avoid driving in a dust storm, pull over at a safe location and wait for it to pass
- Watch out for sand accumulation on the road, as it can affect traction and stability

# 4 Emergencies





 Being prepared for emergencies can help reduce the risk of injury and improve the outcome of unexpected situations



- Do not panic during an emergency or a sudden event
- Keep your phone fully charged and your emergency numbers saved
- Always keep in your vehicle warning triangle, first aid and fire extinguisher
- Have a hi-vis jacket for each passenger
- Call emergency number: 9999





