

# SAFETY TOPICS

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## FLASHING YELLOW

When we think about adapting to conditions, we usually think of wind, rain, fog, unusual road surfaces, or maybe the time of day. We should also think of the flashing yellow light we often see as a reminder of an unusual traffic condition which may exist.

How often do you just roar through these signals giving little thought to slowing down? A flashing yellow light means you may proceed with caution. Most often it is used at dangerous intersections, congested locations, pedestrian crossings, or in construction zones. This signal is an obvious warning to an unusual condition.

As you approach the flashing light, keep your eyes open and analyze the elements that surround you. Concentrate on seeing and thinking about those elements that are an immediate threat to your safety. Be ready to react to another vehicle pulling out ahead of you or a pedestrian running out onto the roadway. Take the time to observe every hazard, decide what to do about each and then react accordingly. As good drivers, we must be ready for the unexpected and above all, recognize those conditions that are clearly marked.

The flashing yellow light should not be taken for granted. It does remind us of an unusual condition that may require an adjustment to our driving. Slow down, approach with caution and be ready to act accordingly. Keep your eyes open and analyze the situation around you. Concentrate on seeing and thinking about those elements that are an immediate threat to your safety.

Please remember, the flashing yellow signal does have a purpose. Heed its warning and be ready to act accordingly.