

TEST ANSWERS: DRIVING HAZARDS

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1. Which of the following are significant hazards to drivers, not only on public roads but also on company work sites?

- a) Hidden intersections
- b) Following too closely
- c) Cyclists driving in areas meant for pedestrians
- d) Railway crossings

e) All of the above

RATIONALE: You may come across these hazards while operating any type of vehicle on the job, whether on municipal/provincial roadways or roadways inside plant property. Pay particular attention when approaching these hazards.

2. While driving to work, you should: (Circle all that apply)

a) Wear your seatbelt

b) Obey all traffic rules and signs

c) Respond to a text only if it's an emergency

d) Adjust all controls prior to operating the vehicle

RATIONALE: Many drivers today tend to view driving, especially in familiar environments, as a simple everyday task that requires minimal attention. In fact, driving is a complex task that requires your full attention every time you get behind the wheel. At the very least, you are operating a heavy piece of machinery at high speed, navigating across changing terrain, calculating speeds and distance, and responding to other drivers, signs signals and obstacles around you.

3. Examples of "Distracted Driving" include: (Circle all that apply):

a) Following too closely

b) Texting while driving

c) Excessive speeding

d) Eating while driving

e) Searching for something in the car

RATIONALE: A driver's first responsibility is the safe operation of the vehicle. Engaging in any secondary activity which takes the operator's attention away from driving is deemed unsafe. This can include: eating while driving, searching for something in the car, or using any type of hand-held communications / entertainment device.

4. **It is acceptable to ignore flashing lights at a railroad crossing as long as you are positive that you can beat the train.**

a) True

b) False

RATIONALE: Ignoring flashing lights at a railway crossing is considered "trespassing". Trespassing accidents, which involve people (mostly pedestrians) who are either not authorized to be on the railway or who fail to give rights-of-way, remain the leading cause of crossing accidents

5. **It is safe to ride a bicycle on areas intended for pedestrians, such as a sidewalk.**

a) True

b) False

RATIONALE: On plant sites, the major cause of bicycle accidents come from cyclists not following the flow of traffic and from cyclists driving in areas meant only for pedestrians. This endangers not only the bicycle rider, but also the pedestrians on the sidewalk.