

Vehicle Safety Maintenance

The proper maintenance of your vehicle(s) is an important part of any safety program. Here are 5 simple activities to make your vehicles safe for the road and serve you well.

Maintain & Check Your Tires

- Check the tire air pressure at least once a month. Underinflated tires are 3 times more likely to cause a serious accident than their properly inflated tires. Make sure the pressure matches the recommendation listed in your vehicle's manual or on the tire sidewall
- Visually inspect the tires prior to every trip for proper inflation
- Rotate your tires. About every 8,000 to 10,000 miles get them rotated
- Consider getting the alignment checked if you feel the vehicle is pulling. Poor alignment can lead to uneven tread wear and possibly an accident

Check Your Lights

- Turn on your lights and make sure all four corners (headlights & taillights) are lighted
- Make sure your turn signals and brake lights are working properly
- Are the hazard lights in working order?

Change Your Windshield Wipers

- Change your front windshield wipers about every 6 months or sooner if needed
- If your wipers are not clearing the windshield or leaving streaks, change them
- Keep your windshield washer container full

Test Your Brakes

- Before you head off on a job, test your brakes to make sure they are working properly
- If the brake light is on, get them checked because something is likely wrong
- If it is taking longer to stop than normal, get them checked
- If your wheel shakes or pulls to one side when you press on the brake pedal, you should get them checked
- If your brakes are making a strange sound, it could be your brake pads are thin and need to be changed

Keep Up With Regular Maintenance

- Regular maintenance will keep your vehicle running well into the future and improve your vehicle's overall safety level