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MODULE 9

Observing traffic rules and regulation and practice road courtesy

DRV 101/BSCS-3 Students

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I. MODULE OVERVIEW

This module involves the skills, knowledge and attitudes required in obeying and observing traffic rules and regulations while driving articulated vehicle

Upon completion of this module, the student will able to know how to Observe traffic signs and road markers, Obey traffic rules and regulations, Practice road courtesy, Respect traffic enforcers and other traffic management unit.

Take off/motivation

The instructor will send a video

Desired Learning outcome:

- **Observe traffic signs and road markers**
- **Obey traffic rules and regulations**
- **Practice road courtesy**
- **Respect traffic enforcers and other traffic management unit**

LO1. Observe traffic signs and road markers

What is traffic rules and regulations?

Directions Given to Drivers either through police officers regulating traffic or through road signs or traffic signals should be followed at all times. Violation of these is an offense. Maintain an Adequate Distance from the vehicle ahead of you to avoid collision if that vehicle suddenly slows down or stops.

What is the need and importance of observing the rules of the road?

The phrase "rules of the road" refers to a set of guidelines that one must follow when driving. ... It's important to observe road rules because it keeps you out of danger and allows you to get to your destination safely

Why should we observe traffic rules?

"It is our moral responsibility to follow the traffic rules and promote awareness on traffic laws. Always drive in your lane. Do not panic while driving because haste and breaking traffic signals are the major cause accidents," they said. "The traffic rules are made to protect citizens

What is the importance of traffic laws rules and regulations?

Traffic laws are designed to protect you and other drivers on the road. If we do not follow them we are not only putting ourselves at risk but also innocent bystanders and drivers.

What are the 8 traffic rules?

Never Drink & Drive.

Always Wear Seat Belt.

Keep a Safe Distance from the vehicle ahead.

Always Avoid Distractions.

Never Break Red Signal.

Always Drive Within Speed Limit.

Avoid the Drowsiness While Driving.

Watch Out for Drivers On the Road.

What is a road marker?

A raised pavement marker is a safety device used on roads. ... Some other names for specific types of raised pavement markers include convex vibration lines, Botts' dots, delineators, cat's eyes, road studs, or road turtles. Sometimes they are simply referred to as "reflectors and also Road markings are a psychological barrier and an important component of a highway, which function in guiding and controlling the traffic. It also channelizes the pedestrians and cyclists movement into a safe location ensuring smooth and orderly flow of traffic and for promoting road safety.

7 Types of Road Markings

Longitudinal Markings. The main purpose of longitudinal marking is to guide and navigate the driver for forwarding movements and to prohibit overtaking maneuvering at certain at hazardous locations to avoid sideswipe and head-on collision accidents.

Transverse Markings. The transverse markings are provided across the carriageway for the purpose of traffic control with broken lines, single/double continuous lines such as stop marking and give-way marking. These transverse markings are always accompanied with corresponding signs.

Hazard Marking.The hazard markings facilitate the major actions of the vehicles such as traffic merging/diverging, prohibiting to cross-over, and deflecting the traffic ahead of hazardous situations. These markings are generally done with chevron and diagonal marking, hatch marking and prohibitory marking.

Block Marking.The markings made on the road which are in blocks such as zebra crossing for pedestrians, triangular and checkered marking for speed breakers. The quality of block marking with adequate visibility is of utmost importance.

Arrow Marking.The arrows painted on the carriageway are meant to give direction for the driver to take mandatorily turns.

Directional Marking.The word message which is directional in nature is classified under directional marking. The classification of directional marking is listed in the table below-

Facility Marking.The markings which are intended to facilitate the parking for the vehicles are termed as facility marking. The classification of facility marking is listed in the table below-

What are the 3 types of road signs?

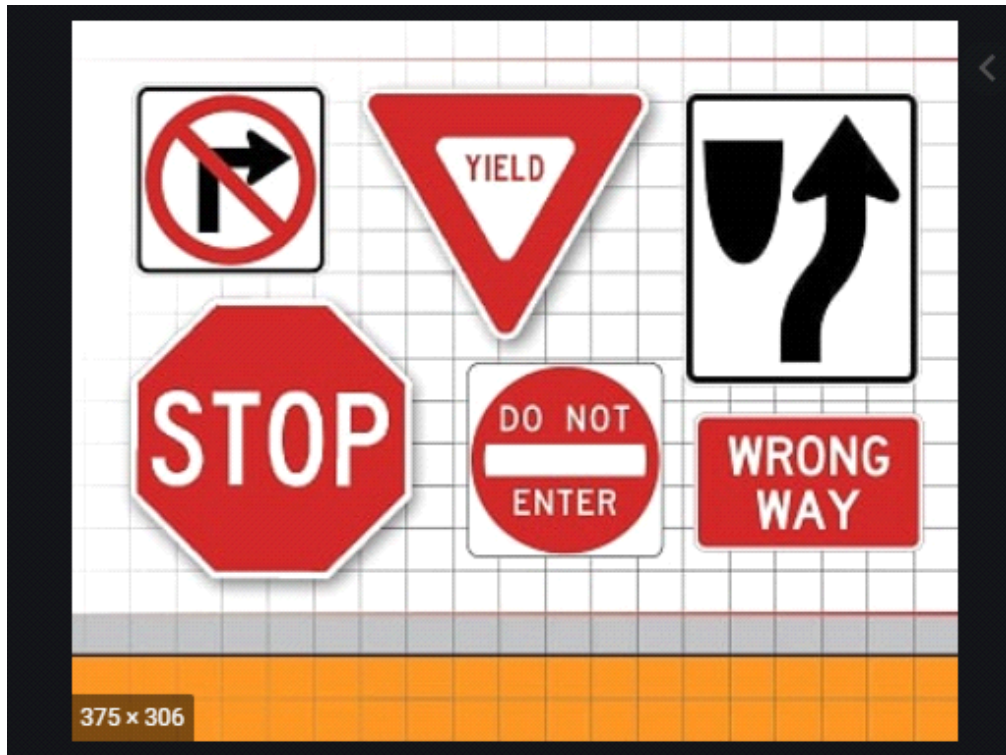
A: Traffic signs are divided into three categories: **1. regulatory, 2. warning, and 3. guide/information signs.**

1. Regulatory sign

The term regulatory sign describes a range of signs that are used to indicate or reinforce traffic laws, regulations or requirements which apply either at all times or at specified times or places upon a street or highway, the disregard of which may constitute a violation, or signs in general that regulate public ...

What is an example of a regulatory sign?

Red and white regulatory signs tell you about regulations you must follow. For example, the DO NOT ENTER sign tells you there is danger ahead because vehicles will be coming toward you, usually on a freeway off-ramp or one-way street. ... This rectangular red and white sign is a traffic regulatory sign.



2. Warning sign

What is the meaning of warning sign?

A warning sign is a type of sign which indicates a potential hazard, obstacle, or condition requiring special attention. Some are traffic signs that indicate hazards on roads that may not be readily apparent to a driver

What is an example of a warning sign?

These signs warn you that a hazard or obstacle is coming up and extra caution is needed. For example, you should drive with caution when: an obstacle such as a speed bump or railway crossing is ahead.



3. Guide/information sign

Guide signs provide directional and mileage information to specific destinations. They can be rectangular or have other shapes. Route signs mark federal interstates, state highways, and county or municipal roadways.

What is an example of a guide/information sign?

Guide signs include highway route markers, street signs, mile markers, exit signs, toll road signs, logo service signs and rest area signs. Rectangular but sometimes come in other shapes like shields or squares.



LO2. Obey traffic rules and regulations

Obey traffic rules and use common sense

When it comes to defensive driving, obeying traffic rules and using common sense are essential. Traffic rules are in place to help protect you and others while operating a vehicle on the road. Make sure you know the rules and that you apply them to your own driving every day.

Defensive drivers obey traffic rules and use common sense:

Speed limits

Traffic signs and signals

Follow the 2-second rule

Signal your intentions

Pass with care and only where allowed

We hope you always obey speed limits, traffic signs, and signals. We also hope that you follow the 2 second rule. This means you should always stay at least 2 seconds behind the vehicle in front—and allow more distance at night or in bad weather. How can you tell if you're 2 seconds behind another vehicle? Simple. Just note when the vehicle in front passes a traffic sign or

utility pole. Then slowly count 1, 2. If you pass the sign or pole before you've counted 2, you're too close.

Another thing defensive driver's do is to signal your intentions. If you're going to turn or want to change lanes, switch on your turning signal in plenty of time. If you plan to stop, tap your brakes a few times to slow down so that the driver behind you can see your brake lights and then he will understand that you're slowing down and may stop. If somebody's right behind you, stick your arm out the window, extend it downward, and wave your hand backward to show you intend to stop. Defensive drivers also pass with care and only where allowed. They slow down when being passed if the other vehicle needs room to pass safely.

What Are LTO Traffic Rules And Regulations that are Commonly Break?

Rules are explicit or understood principles that agencies of the government, such as LTO or MMDA, have conducted and introduced to regulate traffic flow and ensure everybody's safety on the road.

However, for different personal reasons, citizens still ignore the regulations, assuming these are excessive and not obligatory. Cases of disobeying are significantly increasing along with the terrible consequences of accidents and fatalities.

Have you ever got pulled over due to a traffic violation?

This will give you an information of what LTO traffic rules and regulations are mostly violated by motorists. Knowing what has recently been happening on the road can somehow help you avoid ending up being a lousy driver.

#1 LTO violation: Using Phones While Driving

Being distracted while driving is hazardous yet one of the most violated traffic rules and regulations in the Philippines.

Distracted driving is the easiest way to get you into trouble on the road. Just a fraction of insufficient attention, you will have to pay an insurmountable amount of money to repair your damaged car or worse enough, you can even take pedestrians' lives away.

Now, imagine you are driving with your eyes always looking down at your phone and your finger doing unnecessary tasks on it. Needless to say, it is hazardous, and you are risking your own life.

>>> Must read: 6 things you should know about Anti Distracted Driving Act in the Philippines

using phone while driving

Distracted driving is one of the most violated LTO traffic rules and regulations

However, some people keep doing what they suppose as indispensable things of answering texts from friends or keeping updated about hot news disregarding Anti-distracting driving act rules.

If it is crucial, please pull over and then, use your phone freely, no one will complain about that or connect your phone to Bluetooth answering devices that help you answer calls while driving. Otherwise, in no circumstances should you use your phone on the road.

#2 LTO violation: Yellow Lane Linger

On EDSA, we have two rightmost lanes separated from normal ones by the yellow line, which are specially made for public transports.

Yet, many private vehicles stay inside that particular lane for longer than needed, hinder the flow of public transportation causing congestion, and situations may worsen if there is no presence of enforcers.

yellow lane on edsa

Make sure you are fully aware of the Yellow lane policy on EDSA

MMDA has introduced the no-contact apprehension policy to tackle this problem. The only time allowed for you to cross the yellow line is when you're about to exit EDSA, but you still have to make a quick transition to avoid being fined.

>>> Suggested for you: What are common road accidents and how you can avoid it?

#3 LTO violation: Not Wearing Seatbelt

Everyone broke it at least once, either accidentally or not. There is no excuse for driving a transport with a speed of more than 10 kilometers per hour without putting your seatbelt on.

People have made up tons of different personal excuses for forgetting that seat belts, for instance, it causes itches and pains on their chest; it messes up their hair and clothes, or they only travel a short distance.

not wearing seatbelt

There is no excuse for driving without wearing seatbelt

However, they tend to forget about one thing: accidents can happen anytime, can pop up anywhere. Even an emergent break can give you a head concussion without protection from a seatbelt.

Exchanging your safety for comfortable seating and nice appearance? We won't make that trade, ever.

#4 LTO violation: Running Red Light

Stopping at red lights is one of the most basic traffic laws and sadly, at the same time, one of the most commonly broken LTO driving rules and regulations.

Drivers tend to cross the red light at night, especially when there is no traffic cop.

With only a few exceptions of emergent cases, mostly they're tired of waiting, lack of patience, and want to continue their driving without any pause. Also, another contribution to this is that the fine does not seem to be high enough.

a car beating red light

Drivers tend to cross the red light when there is no traffic cop

At intersections, this act is utterly dangerous, crossing the red light means putting yourself in great danger of collision with other vehicles from the opposite lanes, creating a chaotic scene and congestion lasting for up to hours.

For that reason, waiting for about 30 to 60 seconds for a safe crossing is still much faster than beating the red light and spending the next few months treating in the hospital.

Other stricter laws, fines, and supervising technologies like cameras, recording devices also are about to be applied to restrict such a dangerous trend. Therefore, be careful every time considering passing the redlight.

#5 LTO violation: PUVs unloading & loading at undesignated area

To compete with other transportation service brands, PUVs tend to cramp their transports with more passengers than they can handle and pick up passengers beyond their allocated pick-up and drop-off points. The only reason for this is that they can make more money per drive.

puv unloading passengers at the middle of the street

PUVs are known as a typical cultural symbol of the Philippines

However, this is a problem to the vehicles' endurance, causing instability and write-offs, making them unqualified for the next ride.

#6 LTO violation: Driving while/After Drinking

The forbidden thing for any driver is driving under the influence of alcohol. After drinking, the drivers are not conscious enough to recognize sounds and traffic signs and thus, unable to handle unexpected situations properly.

There is no word to describe the pain that alcohol has brought to several driver's families, some are able to keep their lives, some are not so lucky, losing everything at a very young age.

drinking while driving

The forbidden thing for any driver is driving under the influence of alcohol

So please refrain from drinking alcohol if you have to drive. If you want to take part in any party involved drinking, catch a cab to ride home safely.

LTO traffic rules and regulations: Final thoughts

Above are LTO driving rules and regulations that Filipinos commonly break. As you can see, transgressing the law can eventually result in unpredictable consequences, the worst of which will be the death, the end of your life.

For that reason, please drive with highest responsibility, and strictly conform to the rules and regulations implemented to protect yourself and your families as well.

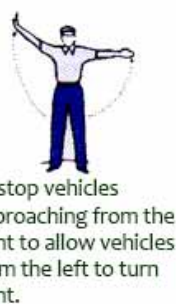
3) Traffic Police Hand Signals



To stop vehicles approaching from behind.



To stop vehicles approaching simultaneously from front and behind.



To stop vehicles approaching from the right to allow vehicles from the left to turn right.



To stop vehicles approaching from the left and wanting to turn right.



To stop vehicles coming from front.



Beckoning vehicles approaching from left.



To allow vehicles coming from the right and turning right by stopping traffic approaching from the left.



Warning signal closing all vehicles.



Beckoning vehicles approaching from right.



Beckoning vehicles from front

LO3. Practice road courtesy

ROAD COURTESY 101

To Other Motorists:

Give proper signals to other motorists. It is very vital to signal your intention of stopping, passing, turning, left or right, or slowing down to warn other drivers.

When parking, wait for vacant spaces and give consideration to those who came first. Park orderly to give enough space to those incoming vehicles who would also be parking.

Extend assistance to other drivers who happens to have vehicle trouble along the road.

Give way to vehicles who would like to overtake your path, although you know that you have the right-of-way.

Give proper courtesy to motorcyclists, bicyclists and other road users.

Check your distance with other vehicles. Avoid tail-gating.

To Passengers:

Driver's should always be courteous and considerate to their passengers.

Be careful while driving. Follow strictly traffic signs and signals to avoid delay once apprehended.

Do not slam your brakes or press your pedals too hard. Your passenger might not be able to hold on and may bump around inside the vehicle.

Be sure your passengers have stepped-out of your vehicle safely before starting to move.

To taxi drivers, be honest to your passengers. Do not drive with tampered meters and always give them their exact change.

Do not smoke while driving.

To public utility or for hire drivers, avoid cutting trips.

The Role of Passengers:

Passengers should never do anything to interfere with the driver and as much as possible do not distract him while he is driving.

In looking for a street name or address, the passenger must assist the driver and do the searching.

The passenger must handle the paying or change when approaching or at a toll booth.

Passengers should discourage the driver from reckless behavior.

If the driver's decision is impaired by anger, alcohol or by any other reason, the passenger may refuse to ride the car he/she is driving.

Pedestrians:

Children: They often forget the dangers of traffic when playing on sidewalks. They run into the street without thinking. Be alert.

Older People: They may not see or hear very well and may not move of the way quickly, so give them time to cross.

Handicapped People: Visually handicapped people crossing the roads with white cane are pedestrians. The same are for persons confined in wheel chairs while crossing the streets. They should be given the greatest possible caution and attention. When you see handicapped people crossing the road, do NOT honk your horns.

Why is it important to drive with courtesy?

Lane courtesy is defined as the practice of yielding to or moving over for faster-moving traffic. ... The reason why it is so important to leave the left lane clear is because it primarily used for passing, and if there are too many cars or a car is going too slow, it makes it much more dangerous to do so

LO4. Respect traffic enforcers and other traffic management unit

What are traffic enforcers?

Traffic enforcement is designed to promote public safety by stopping a violation, reducing crashes, and enhancing public enjoyment. At the same time, it deters other drivers from committing an infraction and historically changes behavior of the ticketed driver and onlookers.

Traffic officers are sworn-in police, but they focus almost exclusively on maintaining traffic safety and efficiency on the roads. This is the focus of their duties, which can include directing traffic, managing accidents, administering federal traffic money, and educating the public on laws and safety guidelines.

Why traffic enforcement is essential in traffic management?

Traffic-law enforcement effectively reduces the frequency of fatal motor-vehicle crashes in countries with high rates of motor-vehicle use. Inconsistent enforcement, therefore, may contribute to thousands of deaths each year worldwide and also Traffic enforcers play a vital role in maintaining public order and safety in our roads. A properly trained traffic enforcer coupled with the best practices in the enforcement of traffic laws will ensure a safer road for the public particularly to motorists and pedestrians.



Why we respect your traffic officer policeman and other public servant

Traffic officer, policeman and other public servant is just doing their job to make some good changes in our community. Traffic officer is the one who is responsible for all the cars passing by and they arrange the traffic. Policeman helps us to arrest criminals and to help us when we are experiencing some trouble. We need to respect them because they have enough audacity to do their job even sometimes it is dangerous. We should understand them if we did some mistakes to obey the traffic, etc. They are here to help us and they care for our safety.

Quiz. 30 Items (Answer only)

Fill in the blanks

1. _____ is defined as the practice of yielding to or moving over for faster-moving traffic.
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