

Defensive Driving With Children At Play

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In this weeks Defensive Driving Tip, lets walk through the acronym, RUA defensive driver.

R - Recognize the Hazard

U - Understand the defense to avoid the hazard

A - Act correctly

Now let's put children in that framework because I see children as a hazard when driving. They are either in the car distracting you, or outside the car unaware of everything around them, including you driving on their street.

So, if children are a hazard, now we need to understanding the defense.

First, have good sportsmanship. When you see children are at play, don't get annoyed. That will only affect your attitude as a defensive driver. Stay focused on getting through the neighborhood safely.

Second, stay disciplined, don't speed where children are at play.

And last, don't focus on looking around or over parked vehicles to see children. Children are too small. Focus your eyes under the cars that are parked along the street and you will see their little legs and feet as they play on the sidewalk or about to run into the street. You could even see the bouncing ball they are about to chase into the street.

I hope this little tip will help you see the little hazards... I mean children, before they end up in front of your vehicle.

R U A Defensive Driver?

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