

## Fall Driving Safety Quiz

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1. Which of the following traffic hazards is **not** connected to the start of the school year?
  - a) Teenage drivers
  - b) Children waiting at bus stops
  - c) Slow moving snow plows
  - d) School buses making stops
  
2. If you see deer standing by the side of the roadway, you should:
  - a) Stop and take a picture
  - b) Honk your horn to scare them out of the way
  - c) Slow down so you can stop safely if they try to cross the road
  - d) Speed up to get out of the area quickly
  
3. Fall is harvest time in much of the country. Drivers should be on the lookout for slow-moving tractors and trucks in agricultural areas and be cautious when passing them as:
  - a) They may turn left unexpectedly into a field
  - b) They may take up part of the passing lane
  - c) Oncoming drivers may have difficulty seeing you behind the large equipment
  - d) All of the above
  
4. Vehicle collisions with deer increase substantially during the fall because:
  - a) Harvesting crops requires deer to move to different areas for food, including the grass along roadsides
  - b) Hunting pressure pushes deer to other areas, often across roadways
  - c) Fall is deer mating season and they are not as cautious and roam more
  - d) All of the above
  
5. Freezing nighttime temperatures are common in the fall in many parts of the country, creating frost and icy roadways. Drivers need to increase their following distance and slow down at intersections and curves to prevent accidents when these conditions exist.
  - a) True
  - b) False
  
6. Fatigued drivers may display behaviors similar to an intoxicated driver.
  - c) True
  - d) False

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7. If you receive a cellular phone call while driving, the best option is to:
  - a) Take the call immediately using a handset
  - b) Take the call immediately using a hands-free phone
  - c) Let voice mail take the call, then check the voice mail when you have parked at a safe location
  - d) Let voice mail take the call, then check voice mail while driving
8. If your right wheels fall off the paved roadway, you should:
  - a) Brake hard and attempt to steer your vehicle back onto the roadway
  - b) Slow down gradually and do not attempt to turn back onto the roadway until you are at a safe speed
  - c) Turn your steering wheel to the left and accelerate your vehicle
9. Tractor trailers have a blind spot:
  - a) Along the right side of the vehicle behind the driver
  - b) Along the left side of the vehicle behind the driver
  - c) Next to the right front tire
  - d) Directly behind the trailer
  - e) All of the above
10. Turn signals should be used even if there does not appear to be other traffic in the area.
  - a) True
  - b) False

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### Quiz answers

1. C – Adjust your driving to be more cautious around schools and bus stops. Typically, you would not encounter snow plows at the beginning of the school year.
2. C – Slow down so you can stop safely if they try to cross the road. Do not honk your horn as that could scare them into crossing traffic in front of other motorists.
3. D – All of the above. Use extreme caution when passing farm equipment.
4. D – All of the above. Drivers should be particularly careful around woods and agricultural areas.
5. True – Driving on icy surfaces requires extra precautions.
6. True – Many of the same behaviors seen in intoxicated drivers are also displayed by drivers who are fatigued: weaving, running stop signs, loss of control, etc.
7. C – Using cell phones while driving cause both a visual and cognitive distraction. The safest option is to never dial, text, or talk using a cellular phone while you are driving your vehicle.
8. B – Slow down gradually and do not attempt to turn back onto the roadway until you are at a safe speed. Overcorrecting can cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
9. E – All of the above. Do not stay in a truck's blind spot. The driver may not see you if he changes lanes or backs up.
10. True – There may be vehicles, pedestrians, or cyclists in the area that you cannot see who make their decisions based on your signals. Always use your turn signal even if it appears that no one else is in the area.



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