



Safety Tips

A five minute training Series for PCOs.



Driving The Company's Billboard

Often we get behind the wheel of our vehicle and think we become invisible. However, when driving one of your company's vehicles, you are very visible. You basically are driving their billboard. This quite often is the company's single biggest advertisement.

When operating a company vehicle, we must treat all other drivers as potential customers. This requires us to operate the vehicle in a safe and courteous manner. Always keep in mind the following:

- Follow at least three seconds behind the vehicle in front of you. This will allow adequate time to stop safely and project a safe, professional image.
- If someone wants to pull in front of you, gladly let him or her, with a smile.
- Do not perform other tasks while operating the vehicle (eating, map reading, paper work, cell phone use, etc.). Pull off the road to a safe location to perform these tasks.
- Avoid road rage. Do not agitate other drivers. Do not respond to road rage with similar conduct. Back off and be polite.
- DO NOT SPEED!
- Do not accelerate to get through an intersection when the light turns yellow. Stop.
- Always signal when turning or changing lanes. This includes pulling in and out of parking spaces and parking lots. This is just being polite. But, keep in mind that just because you signal, it does not necessarily give you the right-of-way. You must still yield to others who have that right-of-way.
- Do not blow your horn at others, unless it is an emergency.

REMEMBER, you have two professions. Pest management technician and professional driver. Both require licenses and improper conduct can cost you either one of them.

Everyone remembers the rude or unprofessional driver who, they believe, mistreated them on the roads. When it comes time to find a professional technician, they will remember good and bad experiences they encountered on the road with you!