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Approaching the Crest of a Hill

Too many accidents occur because drivers are “surprised” at the top of an incline.

Dangers such as a stalled car, an intersection or a child may await you.

Approaching an incline

As you approach an incline:

1. Expect conflict. Somebody is likely to be at the top of the hill.
2. Look for signs, markings and characteristics of the area which will tell you what to expect at the top of the hill.
3. As you get closer to the top, the contour of the road reduces your view. This means less distance to react... and stop.
4. As you proceed over the crest:
 - a. Release pressure on the gas pedal and be ready to brake;
 - b. Move to the right;
 - c. Leave an out.

5. Should you have to stop, check to the rear and immediately communicate your action to vehicles behind with brake lights and/or hand signals.

Top off the crest of every hill in the manner described above and avoid “surprises” that could result in an accident—one which is preventable by YOU!

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