

# Tips

## General Tips on Driving

*Most of us know about rules of good driving. Let us recollect some of them here in case we forget.*

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- 1 When starting the car in the morning or for that matter, at any time of the day, warm it up for a least half a minute or so. Give it a chance and maybe it will take care of you longer.
  - 2 Make sure you put on your seat belt. It may save your life.
  - 3 Adjust the seat headrest to support the back of your head, not your neck to minimize the whiplash in case of an accident.
  - 3 Avoid allowing the child to stand in the front passenger seat while you are driving. This is not the best way to show you love him or her.
  - 4 Keep within the speed limit. I know you are not an angel. But keep in mind that going too fast gives you less response time to stop or react. And of course the tickets too.
  - 5 Don't beat the red lights. Have you noticed how suddenly some motorbike darted out from the other side of the traffic light?
- 6 Don't drive like you own the road. Drive like you own the car!
  - 7 If you drink, don't drive. Don't try to impress.
  - 8 Don't drive with the radio on too loud. You may not hear a siren or horn or some noise coming from your own car that could warn you of impending danger.
  - 9 Don't talk on the hand phone while driving. "But this call is from the boss! What to do?..." A hand's free kit is useful. Or pull up to the side.
  - 10 Maintain your car. Check your car for wear and tear, air pressure and the condition of the spare tyre. Remember, there is no point having a spare tyre when it has not enough air.
  - 11 Keep the windscreen clean. A dirty windscreen can limit visibility and momentarily blind the driver from other road users.
  - 12 Most importantly, keep yourself focus on the road. **SR**



*Boss...boleh bayar saman saya?*