

Hazard Awareness Facts List



Signs and Road Markings

- 1 A solid white line at the side of a road means 'Edge of Carriageway'
- 2 The first warning of an approaching train is a steady amber light. This is followed by twin flashing red lights

Junctions

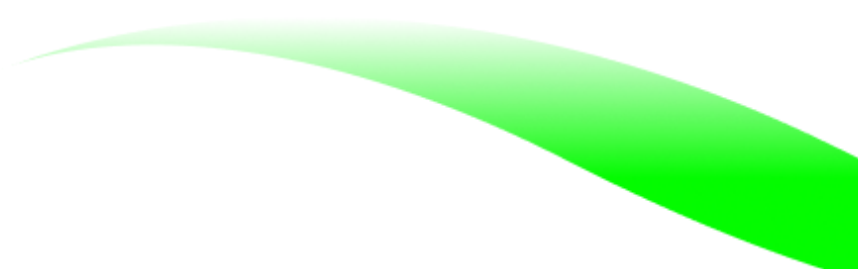
- 3 Just before turning left into a new road, check your left mirror for cyclists
- 4 If you are on a one-way street and you've taken the wrong route, you must continue and find another route
- 5 If you want to turn at the end of a road, but you can't see, approach slowly and edge out until you can see more clearly

Drink, Drugs and Tiredness

- 6 Insurance will become more expensive after you are convicted of driving while unfit through drink or drugs
- 7 You should avoid driving and check with your doctor if you've been taking medication that causes drowsiness
- 8 Don't drive if you feel tired or unwell
- 9 Don't drive if you feel angry – calm down first
- 10 To prevent tiredness while driving you can take regular refreshment breaks
- 11 If you take medication that is not yours, check the label before driving, in case it affects driving

Vision

- 12 If you need glasses to read a number plate at the required distance, you **MUST** wear them when driving
- 13 Take sunglasses off when it starts to get dark



14 If your eyesight gets worse, you must tell the DVLA

Other

15 Kickdown is in automatic cars. It selects a lower gear so the car can speed up quickly

16 Reflections in windows can help you to see traffic approaching

17 Older drivers may take longer to react to hazards

18 When you drive past a bus at a bus stop, watch out for it moving away again or pedestrians crossing the road in front of it

19 It is not safe to overtake approaching a bend, approaching a junction or approaching the top of a hill

20 If a car starts to reverse out of a driveway in front of you, sound your horn and be prepared to stop

