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STOP! HAZARDS AHEAD

It doesn't matter where you live, there will always be hazards near to or on the road.

On country roads there may not be a lot of traffic but there are hazards such as wandering animals, large trucks, and long sections of unsealed and gravel roads.

In the city there are more cars, motorbikes, pedestrians and cyclists. This means you have to be constantly watching for cars braking or pulling out in front or turning across busy intersections, and motorbike riders and cyclists sharing busy roads.

Concentrating, scanning for hazards, and reacting safely when you see a hazard are skills that you develop when you are learning to drive.



Remember, the more you practise driving safely, the safer your driving will be.



ON YOUR NEXT TRIP...

1 Spot at least five hazards that your driver had to manage.

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2 Watch how your driver manages each hazard. What did they do each time they approached a hazard?

3 Think about where you live. What are some hazards in your local area?



ASK YOUR DRIVER TO SHARE WITH YOU...

- How they notice hazards.
- What sort of hazards they have had to manage while driving.
- What is the first thing they do when they see a hazard.



STOP & THINK

1 Think about how, as a learner driver, you can avoid some of the potential hazards you have seen. Write down your ideas.

2 What do you think will be the most challenging driving skills to learn? Why? Who and what can help you to learn these?

3 What strategies will you use to avoid distractions while driving so you can concentrate on scanning for hazards?
