What strategies can you use to manage visibility, time and space in inclement weather conditions?

What are some reasons why a majority of young driver fatal crashes occur on dry road surfaces during fair weather conditions?

What can you do to help prevent this from occurring?

- 81% occur during fair weather conditions
- 72% on a dry road surface
- 16% on wet roads
- 10% in the rain
- 7% in the snow
- 4% on icy roads
- 2% occur in fog
You’re riding home from a party with a friend who agreed to be the designated driver. Another friend in the car asks the driver how many beers he/she had. The driver answers, “I only had two. I know when to stop.” What would you do?

What are some possible reasons why young drivers do not wear their safety belt?

Young drivers involved in fatal crashes in Michigan...

- 13% were not using a safety belt
- 6% had been drinking alcohol, as compared to 17% for all Michigan drivers
- 64% were male drivers
- 36% were female drivers

However, young drivers account for only 6.9% of licensed Michigan drivers
Drivers using a cell phone are **4X more likely** to crash regardless of whether it's hands-free.

5 seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at **55mph**, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.

Distractions are compounded by **inexperienced**; a panicked reaction or overreaction is **more likely**.

Cell phone use **impairs** a driver's ability to handle the changing driving environment, similar to a driver with a **.08 Blood Alcohol Content**.

Reading a text message or texting is even more impaired than talking on a cell phone. This is called **DRIVING WHILE INTEXTICATED**.

**Young drivers' brains may not fully be developed until the AGE OF 25**.

Brain power **DECREASES by 40%** when a driver listens to someone talk, whether it is a passenger or the radio.