



A defensive stroke

In India, there's little point in losing your temper on the road, stay cool

The first ideology of defensive driving is to accept that all other road users aren't aware of traffic rules. So you are solely responsible for your and your car's safety!

The very next thing to do is to create your own safety zone around the car. Keep a vigil on the mirrors and not only look behind you, but also other lanes. If a car is hovering too close for your comfort, let him pass. Expect the worst case scenario all the time. If the signal is green ahead and it looks tempting to floor the throttle, expect a buffoon on a moped to emerge out of nowhere. Pedestrians in our country prefer to use the roads rather than the footpaths pro-

vided. In most cases they have their backs towards you and won't be aware of you approaching. While crossing parks, expect a youngster running on to the road to catch the stray ball. So in short, always hover around speeds from which you can haul your car down.

While overtaking, keep as much space as you can to the curb or the divider and expect the car ahead will suddenly decide to get into your lane. This way you will have sufficient space to steer away avoiding a shunt.

In a traffic jam, expect two-wheeler riders to criss-cross

lanes in a bid to get ahead of you. So it's a good idea to keep a safe distance with the car in front and to let them pass without the chance of scraping your precious colour coded bumpers.

Be extra careful while overtaking overloaded three-wheelers. Expect them to suddenly brake even if they are full at the hint of a passenger's waive. In case you sight a possible 'stop' avoid overtaking from the left as they might offload passengers suddenly in the middle of the road and right in front of you. It is simply no use losing your temper if the bus or rick ahead has blocked your path. No matter how much you honk, they are not going to move an inch!

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**When you connect with the road,
you should be able to hold on to it.**

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