Message to the Motorist

Driving is such an important part of our culture here in New Brunswick, enabling us daily to meet our family, work and personal obligations, that we sometimes take our responsibility to driver safety somewhat for granted. It is helpful to recall that operating a motor vehicle is indeed a privilege that we share with over 500,000 other New Brunswickers, along with countless visitors to our province. The rules of the road only work to protect us if everyone follows them. That is why it is so important for new drivers to receive a proper grounding in the basics of road safety and why even experienced drivers must constantly be observant and work to improve their skills.

This handbook contains a solid overview of the laws you will be expected to follow, and the process for obtaining your license. It also includes a variety of helpful, safety-related motor vehicle and highway information.

I would urge all drivers to follow the essential safety rules; never drink and drive, always wear your seatbelt, adjust your speed to the conditions, avoid distractions while at the wheel, don't drive if you're too tired and be very careful at intersections.

If all drivers followed these simple rules it would dramatically reduce the number of collision-related deaths and injuries on our roadways. Drive safely and live.

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The contents of this booklet explain the motor vehicle related laws in New Brunswick using basic language and terms. For an exact expression of the law refer to the Motor Vehicle Act and Regulations.