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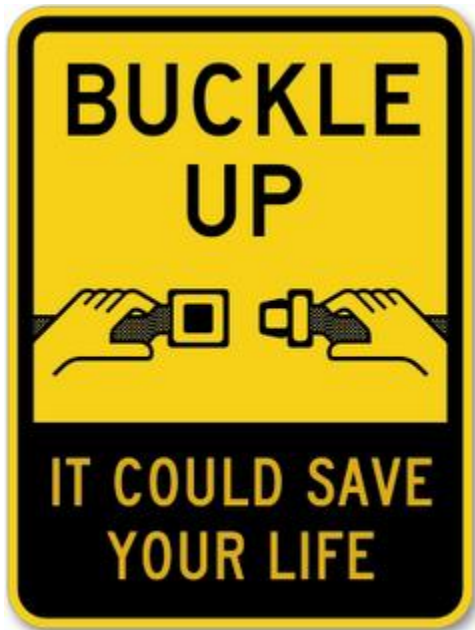
## Definition of a “PREVENTABLE” Accident

According to Dictionary.com Preventable is defined as to keep from occurring. The National Safety Council’s definition of a preventable accident is: An accident in which the driver failed to do everything reasonable to prevent it. Defensive driving means, “Driving to prevent accidents in spite of the incorrect actions of others, and in spite of the adverse conditions”. We have reviewed hundreds of accidents and found some that were deemed “nonpreventable” when they were clearly preventable. The usual mistake seems to be in assigning “fault” rather than preventability. A driver can be technically free from fault, yet may have been able to avoid the accident. Unless you are driving defensively (to prevent being involved), it may be only a matter of time before you are involved in an accident.

- Non-Collision Such as overturning, jack-knifing, or running off the road
- Mechanical Failure Any accident caused by mechanical failure that could have been detected in pre-trip inspection
- Parking Unconventional parking locations, including double parking and failure to put out warning devices
- Weather Failure to adjust driving to the prevailing weather conditions
- Intersections Failure to approach, enter and cross intersections safely
- Backing Failure to check all clearances
- Front-end Collisions Failure to maintain safe following distances
- Rear-end Collisions Failure to alert the driving behind by slowing down gradually and signaling to change lanes or turn
- Passing Failure to pass safely
- Being Passed Failure to yield to the passing vehicle by slowing down or moving to the right where possible
- Pedestrians Failure to be alert about pedestrians
- Passenger Accident Emergency action by driver to avoid a collision that resulted in passenger injury
- Turning Failure to signal and properly position the vehicle for the turn
- Grade Crossings Failure of a driver to be aware of surroundings
- Opposing Vehicles Failure to slow down, stop, or move to the right to avoid the accident

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