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San Leandro is a great place to live, work and play, and we each have a responsibility to keep it that way. Traffic is a big concern in all of our neighborhoods. Drivers who speed, cut through on neighborhood streets, don't watch out for pedestrians, or don't share the road with bicyclists, make San Leandro less livable for all of us. Here are a few practices to abide by when driving that will increase everyone's safety and quality of life.

Slow Down



Speeding is one of the leading causes of collisions. Many collisions could be prevented just by slowing down. Speed limits are generally set at a speed that will promote safety. Speeding in residential areas has a tremendous negative impact on the quality of life for the residents of the neighborhood. You can set a good example and help prevent an accident by driving at the designated speed.

Look and Stop for Pedestrians

Driving is a huge responsibility that should not be taken lightly. Part of this responsibility is to always be aware of your surroundings, including watching for pedestrians that may be waiting to cross the street. By stopping to let pedestrians and bicyclists cross the street, you are helping to create an environment that is safer and encourages more people to walk and ride bicycles. This ultimately will help reduce traffic congestion and improve the quality of life.



Drive Less

More households own more cars now than just 10 years ago. Not only are there more cars on the road today, but they are being driven greater distances and having an increasingly harmful impact on the local environment. Resist contributing to this trend by doing any of the following:

- Try walking, bicycling or taking transit to work or just to run errands. Even if you do this once a week, you are making a difference.
- Combine several errands into one trip. If you need to drive, park your car at a central location and walk from errand to errand.
- Minimize the number of trips you make by car by checking each time to see if you really need your car. If you do, link the trip with other errands.

Stay on Major Roads

Some motorists drive through residential neighborhoods because it is a short-cut or because it allows them to avoid traffic signals. This behavior negatively impacts residents by increasing neighborhood traffic. Be courteous and use major streets whenever possible.

Share the Road



Bicyclists and pedestrians have just as much right to use the roadway as cars. A motorist's responsibility is to always be aware of his/her surroundings, including bicyclists that may be riding in the roadway. When sharing the road, cars should allow at least three feet clearance when passing a bicyclist. This may mean that a vehicle has to wait to pass the bicyclist until it is clear to drive into the adjacent travel lane.

Set a Good Example

Driving in a courteous and responsible manner not only sets the tone for other drivers, but also for future drivers. Often children are passengers in our vehicles. These future drivers learn from our example and the values we hold. If they watch us stop to let pedestrians cross the street, or see us sharing the road with bicyclists, we relay to them the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety and the role drivers play in reducing conflict.

Remember that change happens one person at a time. Be an agent of change by setting a good example.

Neighborhood Pace Car Program

Participate in the Neighborhood Pace Car Program by pledging to drive responsibly and obey all laws.

A pledge form is available in the City's brochure entitled "Neighborhood Pace Car Program."

For more information about the program, contact the Engineering & Transportation Department at 510-577-3482.