

## What Can You Do?

The key element to safe driving is to stay alert.

An easy to use system called the SIPDE process can help keep you safe. SIPDE is an acronym for: Search, Identify, Predict, Decide, Execute.

- 1) Search the roadway and off-road areas 20-30 seconds ahead, or as far as you can see, for information to help you plan a path of travel.
- 2) Identify objects 10-12 seconds ahead that could interfere with your planned path of travel, such as deer or moose in the roadway or on the roadside.
- 3) Predict actions or changes in conditions on or near the roadway that could increase the level of risk. Animals may move into the roadway suddenly and unexpectedly.
- 4) Decide how best to minimize the risk of a collision. Do this in relation to what you have seen already, slowing down or increasing your speed as necessary. Make safe changes to your travel path. Make this decision quickly in response to information gathered, usually in no more than 4-5 seconds.
- 5) Execute your decision.



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