Emergency Speed Dating Videos (Summaries)

**Seatbelts** 3 things collide object/body/organs

Belts keep in seat

Distribute pressure over shoulder, chest, hips which strong enough to handle it

Airbags don’t replace seatbelt

Seatbelt holds you in right place when airbag hits

Twisted belts not effective so serious injury

**Safe Fueling** Spills, major burns or death

Static electricity—spark in fumes present

Shut off engine—Not legal to run

No smoking

Containers out of vehicle on ground

**Blowouts**

Lose control as pulls to side

Firm hands on wheel, steer direction want to go

Don’t brake, foot off accelerator then slowly brake as slow down

Don’t make sudden turn

Signal, hazard/pull off road

Underinflated causes blowouts

Check pressure regularly

**Brake Failure**

Little time to react

Take foot off accelerator, down shift

Use emergency brake to slow down

Gradually apply parking brake

Don’t lock up back wheels

Can turn ignition off—not locked & steer into bush, curb to slow

Maintain vehicle to prevent

**Stuck Accelerator**

Misconception if accelerator stuck, can’t brake--Not true

Press brakes firmly/ put into neutral

Don’t turn off engine till stopped safer place

If turn key too far it locks steering

Automatic transmission-- careful not to shift into reverse

Causes—ice buildup, floor mats stuck

**Hydroplaning**

Tires lose contact with road –layer of water between tire & road

Traction lost

Shift into neutral/steer target/avoid braking & accelerating

When tires regain traction with road

Brake gently & resume gently slower speed

If sliding—driving too fast

Drive tracks of others

Worn tires/underinflated

**Avoid Head On Collisions**

Reduce speed-foot off gas-flash light

Don’t go left-common reaction of other driver to move back in own lane

Move to Right/Pull to side or head to ditch

**Winter Preparations**

Windows brush snow & ice off lights & hood while engine warms

Loose snow blows into vents causing fog

Kick snow off bottom shoes so won’t slip on brake

Start slow – feel road conditions

Open window slightly for better ventilation

**Steering System Failure**

Warning—steering acting strange

Lose control of where headed

Don’t use heavy braking

Shift to neutral & brake gently until stopped

Activate hazard lights

If just power steering fails can still muscle or steer to side of road.

**Unstuck Winter**

Spinning digs in

Use light pressure gas/ wheels straight/ might help to backup first then forward to gain momentum

Rocking takes practice