“The majority of traffic collisions occur along the Yale/Vedder corridor in the City of Chilliwack. Our job is to try and decrease the number of collisions occurring. It is not just the police’s job, it’s everybody’s job to drive according to the rules and slow the speed down,” states Cpl. Bruce Abbott, in charge of Municipal Traffic for the Chilliwack RCMP.
Do:

- **Slow** down, and properly clear an intersection.
- **Let** drivers know what you are doing, signal properly for turns and lane changes.
- **Change** lanes well in advance of the intersection.
- **Remember** when turning right at an intersection, you have to stop at a red light, then proceed when it is safe, when your not in conflict with pedestrians or cyclists.
- **Pay** attention to the weather conditions, and adjust your driving accordingly.
- **Plan** your route before you leave home.
- **Leave** enough distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead. The rule of thumb for driving in the City is one car length for every 10 km of the speed limit. While driving on the highway, a good rule of thumb to use is the two second rule. If you are passing on the highway, pick a point (i.e. a sign), and when the driver passes that point, count two seconds, and then pass that point yourself.
Don’t:

- **Change** lanes in an intersection or just prior to an intersection, there is enough activity occurring without adding this manoeuvre to it.
- **Change** lines prior to white solid lines, prior to intersections, prior to crosswalks.
- **When** that amber light comes on, you have about 4 seconds, so you have plenty of time to stop, don’t speed up because you’re going into crisscross traffic.
- **Eat**, talk on your cell phone, read the newspaper, put on makeup, comb your hair while you are driving. Any or all of the above tasks are distractions. You can be charged with driving without due care and attention by a police officer if you are caught performing the above distractions while you are driving. The fine for driving without due care and attention is $368 and 6 points.

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