



DRIVING

Taking Your Car's Safety Seriously

If you've recently acquired a new vehicle, take some time to look through the manual, find the safety features it offers and understand how they work. Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), can dramatically improve safety on the road, but only if you understand the technology and know how to use it correctly.



Some of the most common available ADAS include: • Blind Spot Monitor • High Speed Alert • Drowsiness Alert • Pedestrian Detection • Lane Departure Warning

When You Rent a Vehicle

Learn how to:

- Start the engine
- Activate the headlights and wipers
- Raise and lower the windows
- Turn on the heat, defrost and/or air conditioning
- Use the radio and other controls



Ask yourself:

- Are the mirrors and seats properly adjusted?
- Are there any warning lights on and is the gas tank full?
- Which safety features are included in the car?
- Are there hidden obstructions surrounding the car?
- Is your GPS programmed before you drive?

No matter how advanced the ADAS, you are still your car's best safety feature. When you're behind the wheel you need to devote your full attention to driving and:

- Do not misuse or over rely on safety features
- Do not ignore vehicle safety warnings
- Only use safety features under the proper conditions
- Do not disable safety features without reason

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Visit MyCarDoesWhat.org to learn more about the safety features in your rental car.



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