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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



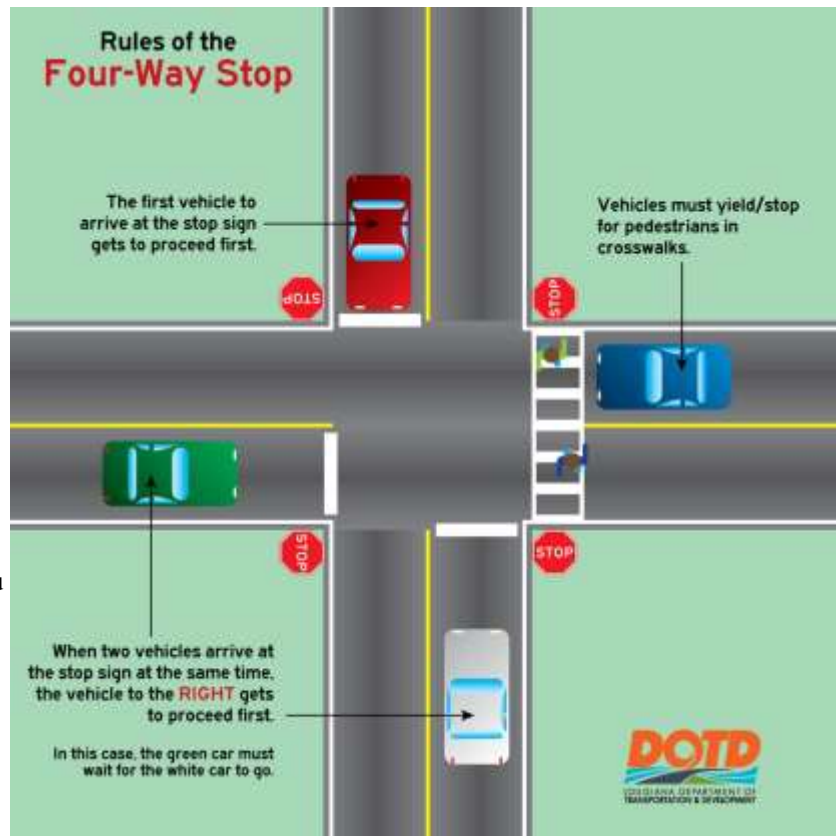
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## *Driving Safely in a Disaster Location*

Driving around after a hurricane or any disaster is dangerous. There are several risks that present themselves while being on the road. Below is a list of a few things to keep in mind while on the road over the next few months.

- Use your safety belt at all times.
- Drive at a speed that is safe for road and weather conditions.
- Recognize that traffic control information may not be posted because of damage to traffic signs.
- Stop lights and street signs may be missing or not working – Treat intersections where lights are out as a four-way stop.
- Recognize that police/law enforcement may be unable to enforce traffic laws.
- Be alert for trash in the road and for road damage.
- Be alert for trash falling from haul trucks and other vehicles.
- Keep space between you and other vehicles.
- Make sure to secure cargo or trash carried by your vehicle – shifting loads may fall or make the vehicle unstable.
- Avoid driving through water, especially when it is fast moving.
  - As little as six inches of water may cause you to lose control of your car or truck.
  - Two feet of water will carry most cars away.
- Do not drive through standing water if fallen electrical wires are in the water.
- Avoid driving when tired, fatigued, or upset.
- Do not use a cell phone while operating a vehicle.
- Avoid other distractions, such as eating, drinking, or adjusting vehicle controls, while driving.
- Plan your route in advance.



***Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline 1-855-543-5163.***

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