



Rolling Stop Hazards

Focus- All of us have been tempted to roll through a stop sign without stopping completely at some point. Maybe you were in a hurry and figured it couldn't hurt. Maybe it was late at night or a rarely trafficked intersection. Maybe you simply didn't think about the stop sign at all. Unfortunately, there is no situation in which it is safe to run a stop sign. If you gave into temptation and rolled through the intersection without properly stopping, you risked your life and the lives of those around you.

Anticipate and Adjust- If you run a stop sign, you are risking one of the most dangerous types of motor vehicle accidents: a T-bone crash. A T-bone crash happens when a vehicle strikes another on the side, going head-on towards a crossing vehicle. Naturally, failure to follow a stop sign creates the perfect conditions for this kind of accident. The non-stopping vehicle pulls out as the car with right-of-way pulls forward through the intersection. This is compounded by the fact that most stop signs are placed due to some lack of visibility, which means you may not see oncoming traffic until it is too late.

Correct- It's easy to assume that none of these things will happen to you, but the reality is that the dangers of running a stop sign far outweigh the few extra seconds you save by rolling on through. Next time you see a stop sign, count a few seconds of pausing and really observe your surroundings before pulling past the sign. The life you save could be yours.

Talk- Of course, even the best stop can't fully protect you from an accident, especially one caused by another person's recklessness. If you're having difficulties starting from a complete stop or uphill in the new automatic tractors, contact your manager or safety supervisor for tips on avoiding these issues.