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Traffic safety tip: headlights on for safety

Headlights enable you to see the roadway in front of your vehicle when visibility is poor, as well as making your vehicle visible to others. Your vehicle's headlights must shine a white light that can be seen at least 150 metres in front and is strong enough to light up objects 110 metres away.

Headlights are equipped with the option to use a high beam to enhance vision further down the roadway and the use of a low beam when you are near other vehicles to minimize the glare of your headlights onto others. When you use high beam headlights, remember to switch to low beams when approaching an oncoming vehicle. Use your low beams when you are behind another vehicle unless you are passing it. These rules apply to all roads, including divided ones.

Turning your headlights on activates other required lights, such as your parking lights, tail lights, and rear licence plate light. Daytime running lights are specifically designed to make your vehicle more visible during times of good light conditions, and are automatically activated when your vehicle is in operation and your headlight switch is turned to off.

When driving your vehicle, full headlights are required to be turned on between one-half hour before sunset and one-half hour after sunrise, and any other time of poor light conditions such as fog, snow or rain, which keeps you from clearly seeing people or vehicles. Don't drive with only one headlight or with lights that are not aimed properly. Have your full lighting system checked regularly, kept clean, and replace burned-out bulbs as soon as possible.