Hazard Awareness Facts List

A small green car

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

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| Signs and Road Markings | |
| 1 | A solid white line at the side of a road means ‘Edge of Carriageway’ |
| 2 | The first warning of an approaching train is a steady amber light. This is followed by twin flashing red lights |
| Junctions | |
| 3 | Just before turning left into a new road, check your left mirror for cyclists |
| 4 | If you are on a one-way street and you’ve taken the wrong route, you must continue and find another route |
| 5 | If you want to turn at the end of a road, but you can’t see, approach slowly and edge out until you can see more clearly |
| Drink, Drugs and Tiredness | |
| 6 | Insurance will become more expensive after you are convicted of driving while unfit through drink or drugs |
| 7 | You should avoid driving and check with your doctor if you’ve been taking medication that causes drowsiness |
| 8 | Don’t drive if you feel tired or unwell |
| 9 | Don’t drive if you feel angry – calm down first |
| 10 | To prevent tiredness while driving you can take regular refreshment breaks |
| 11 | If you take medication that is not yours, check the label before driving, in case it affects driving |
| Vision | |
| 12 | If you need glasses to read a number plate at the required distance, you MUST wear them when driving |
| 13 | Take sunglasses off when it starts to get dark |
| 14 | If your eyesight gets worse, you must tell the DVLA |
| Other | |
| 15 | Kickdown is in automatic cars. It selects a lower gear so the car can speed up quickly |
| 16 | Reflections in windows can help you to see traffic approaching |
| 17 | Older drivers may take longer to react to hazards |
| 18 | When you drive past a bus at a bus stop, watch out for it moving away again or pedestrians crossing the road in front of it |
| 19 | It is not safe to overtake approaching a bend, approaching a junction or approaching the top of a hill |
| 20 | If a car starts to reverse out of a driveway in front of you, sound your horn and be prepared to stop |