THE SAFETY CORNER

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Fall colors are all around us! Red. Orange. Green. Yellow. Brown. They just aren't fabulous fall colors, but they are sign colors as well!

Over the last year, we've been talking all sorts of aspects about signs. This month we talk about color. Even when you can't read the message, if you can see the shape and the color – those are both clues as to what information the sign is conveying.

For this month's *Read Your Road Challenge Questions*...do you know your colors?
1. True or False? Purple is one of the colors you see on signs.
2. If you come across an incident on the highway what colors are the signs?
   a. Black and White
   b. Orange and Black
   c. Fluorescent Pink and Black
   d, b and c
3. True or False? Regulatory signs (i.e. you MUST follow these messages) can be white/red, black/white/red or white/green.
4. Ok – time for the final exam! Match the background color with their messages (yes – there are multiple answers):

	Informational
a. Black	Warning
b. Blue	School
c. White	Bikes or Peds
d. Brown	Recreational
e. Green	Evacuation
f. Yellow	Road User Services
g. Fluorescent Yellow-Green	Guide Signs
	Street Signs

(Answers are later in the newsletter!)

We have enjoyed spending the past year sharing our safety knowledge and exchanging ideas for making our rides safer. We hope you've picked up a new nugget along the way. Even though we are hanging up the safety shingle, we are always open to having a safety discussion. While we may have brought the topics up for spirited discussion (who can forget the roundabout demo?!), the bottom line is we all want to be safe and enjoy the ride. Let's keep the conversation going. Remember, highway safety depends on you! Whether you are a driver, passenger, or pedestrian, be observant and be adaptable to be safe!

RIDE SAFE!!!

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Read Your Road Challenge Question Answers:

1. True! Purple is used for Electronic Toll Collection Signs. You see them predominately on toll facilities.

2. d. Incident sites like road closures due to a crash can warn you of the closure with orange and black signs or fluorescent pink and black ones. If you see the pink signs, they are only used for incident sites. Definitely stay extra vigilant for stray debris that may be in the travel lanes when you see pink. Watch for merging traffic too! {Yes, this was a repeat question – hope you got it right the 2nd time around!}

3. True! Red is only used for regulatory signs – and prohibit you from doing something. Think about stop signs, no parking signs, and do not enter, etc. Green legends are also regulatory – but allow you to do something. Think about the 1-hour parking signs. Our favorite regulatory signs are the black/white speed limit signs, right?

4. Ok – for your final exam answers…here we goooo:

   a. Black – almost all of them! It's a legend for essentially every sign type, except recreational and information signs. It's easy to see the message when contrasting black is used regardless of the other color used. Black can also be a background color for regulatory signs.

   b. Blue – Is only a background color. Think about that – do ever see a sign with blue writing? I think I may be blue over that. Blue is used for informational signs – like interstate and county route signs, evacuation and road user service signs.

   c. White – white is a regulatory background color, but it is also a legend color – informational, recreation, and route signs.

   d. Brown – these are recreational sign backgrounds – think national forests. This color isn't used for legends either.

   e. Green – This color tells you where to go – street signs, guide signs and reference location signs.

   f. Yellow – Warning signs – our favorite – twisties ahead! This color is also used for pedestrians and bicycles – so keep your eyes peeled!

   g. Fluorescent Yellow-Green – This is a relatively new color. They are used in school zones and can also be used for pedestrians and bicycles as well. Pay special attention in these areas too.