

- planning – planning precisely and making rapid and accurate decisions throughout the task
- making judgements – judging situations accurately and taking safe and appropriate action.

See Chapter 3, *Information, observation and anticipation*, for more on alertness, anticipation and planning.

Situational awareness is essential for police and other emergency services drivers.

This involves gathering, interpreting and using any relevant information to make sense of what is going on around you and what is likely to happen next, so that you can make intelligent decisions and stay in control.

Developing these multiple and complex abilities begins with training but is a process of continuous improvement. It needs constant practice and accurate self-assessment throughout your professional driving career.

