

DRIVER SAFETY TIP SAFE BACKING

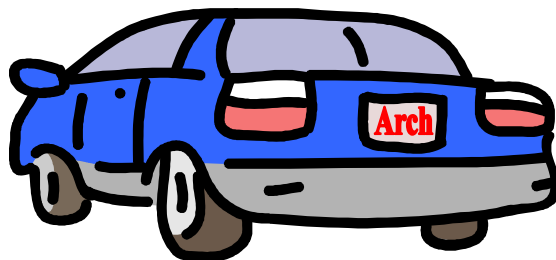
Rearward vision is more restricted than forward vision. Here are several precautions that are required to avoid backing accidents:

1. Plan ahead to avoid backing wherever possible.
2. Back in when you arrive, rather than when you are ready to leave.
3. Avoid blindside backing. Back from the driver's side.
4. Back slowly to keep control of the vehicle. Sound your horn as a warning when appropriate.
5. Walk around the back of your vehicle before backing and scan the entire distance.
6. Get in and start backing immediately after checking behind your vehicle –any delay increases the likelihood of someone getting behind your vehicle.
7. Check behind and to both sides, using your mirrors and looking out the driver's window.
8. If possible, use a helper to assist you in avoiding contact with roofs, docks, walls, other vehicles, pedestrians or other obstructions -- if you lose sight of your helper, STOP IMMEDIATELY!

What driving activity occupies less than 1% of a driver's time behind the wheel, but regularly, year after year, produces approximately 25% of all accidents?



Prevention of backing accidents is what it's about, so GET OUT AND RECHECK, if you have any doubt!



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