



Safety Bulletin

FALL SAFETY

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DRIVERS BEWARE: FALL MEANS DEER HAZARDS

TIPS TO AVOID SERIOUS DEER-VEHICLE COLLISIONS:

- **SLOW DOWN!** By traveling at or below the speed limit, you improve your chances at stopping safely if a deer runs out in front of you. If you do hit a deer, a slower speed will reduce the likelihood of serious injury and/or damage.
- Deer tend to be most active during pre-dawn hours and around dusk. Deer are more active during mating season (a.k.a. rutting season). Pay extra attention during the rutting season
- Pay heed to animal crossing signs. These signs indicate locations of frequent deer movement. They're not placed arbitrarily. Scan the road for deer. If you spot a deer near the edge of the road, slow down.
- Deer move unpredictably, so you'll benefit by being able to react better. spot where you saw a deer cross the road. They are creatures of habit and use the same paths over and over again. If you see a deer in the road honk your horn and flash your headlights.
- If you see one deer expect that there might be more nearby. Slow down and keep your eyes focused for more deer, as they tend to travel in small herds.
- **DO NOT SWERVE TO TRY TO MISS A DEER.** Many drivers suffer death or serious injury when they veer into oncoming traffic or into a fixed object (like a tree or telephone pole) when trying to avoid a deer that is in the roadway.
- If you cannot stop in time to avoid a crash, brake until the last fraction of a second before impact, then let off your brakes. This will cause the front end of your car to rise, increasing the odds that the struck deer will pass underneath your car - instead of being launched into your windshield and seriously injuring you.
- If you do strike a deer, do not try to move it yourself. Despite your kind intentions, an injured deer might panic and seriously injure you. Call police or other authorities for assistance.
- **BUCKLE UP.** Your odds of walking away from a collision with a deer improve greatly if you and all your passengers are wearing seat belts.



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