

Drive the 5

- D**istracted free
- R**ested and alert
- I**mpairment free
- V**ehicle maintained
- E**nvironment aware

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Animal-vehicle collisions

Animal-vehicle collisions pose risks to both drivers and wildlife. Remember these key safety tips to avoid collisions with animals.

1 Reduce speed and maintain distance:

- Slow down and scan ahead in areas with wildlife crossing signs, known habitats, or deceased animals present.
- Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front to react if an animal appears suddenly.

2 Use your eyes:

- Look for animals' reflective eye-shine, especially during low-light conditions.
- Minimize distractions inside your vehicle to spot animals early.
- Be prepared for groups of animals if you see one.

3 Be aware of peak times and areas:

- Animals are most active during specific hours (e.g., deer between 6 and 9 pm).
- Watch for increased wildlife movement during mating or hunting seasons.
- Be cautious on two-lane roads near woods, fields, or streams.

4 Use high beams:

- Use high beams when no oncoming traffic is present to improve visibility.
- Remember to turn them off when an oncoming car is within 500 feet.

5 If an animal suddenly appears:

- Avoid swerving; it can cause loss of control or collisions with other vehicles or obstacles.
- Keep both hands on the wheel and brake smoothly but firmly.
- Use your horn to scare away the animal if possible.
- If a collision is unavoidable, stay calm and try to lessen the impact.
- Lean toward the door frame if going to hit a large animal.