

Statistics indicate that backing collisions account for about 25% of all collisions. It's important to take extra precautions when backing a parked vehicle.

Perform a walkaround

Walking around a vehicle gives you a firsthand view of the backing area and alerts you to any obstacles and potential clearance-related (low hanging trees and wires) problems.

Know your blind spots

Mirrors can never give the whole picture when backing. It's also more difficult to clearly see the rear view of vehicles if on a steep incline.

Remove distractions

Roll down windows and turn off the radio to hear what is happening around you and listen for warnings.

Be aware of children and pets

Make sure all people and pets are in full view and away from the vehicle before moving.

Go slow and cover the brake

Back at a creep or idle speed, cover the brake and keep the backing distance to a minimum.

