

LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU

THE INS AND OUTS OF BACKING OUT

With so many vehicles of different sizes on roadways and in parking lots, even a seemingly simple activity such as backing out can pose a challenge due to blind spots and visibility issues. These challenges can be compounded by inattentive drivers who may not see you in time to avoid a collision.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN BACKING OUT:

- ▶ Do a spot check before entering your vehicle. Look for improperly parked vehicles, road debris or lower objects that may not be visible from the driver's seat. These include hydrants, posts and fences.
- ▶ Once inside your vehicle, keep your foot on the brake while you check traffic on both sides and the rear. Double check any known blind spots rather than relying on your mirrors alone.
- ▶ Keep driving in reverse to a minimum, always choosing the quickest route into traffic.
- ▶ Make sure other drivers see you. Move slowly when backing out and if you have doubt about whether someone sees you, sound your horn.

SEEING CLEARLY AND BEING SEEN ARE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE WHEN USING REVERSE

