



Risk Management Periodic Message – December 2021

Every year, there are nearly 2 million animal-vehicle accidents in the US. Accidents involving a deer or other large animals can injure riders and do serious damage to your vehicle. Here are some tips for avoiding animal-vehicle crashes:

- **Go Slow:** Observe the speed limit so you can brake quickly if an animal darts onto the road.
- **Flick on Your Brights:** Your high-beam headlights will help you more quickly spot wildlife on the road ahead.
- **Keep an Eye Out:** When you're driving through areas rich with wildlife, be on the lookout for tell-tale glowing eyes at night and ask your passengers to do the same.
- **Warn Wildlife:** If you spot an animal in the road as you approach, flash your headlights and honk your horn to scare it away.

Did You Know ... ? Deer don't always see things the way we do. Research shows that deer mostly notice movement from side-to-side across their field of view. They may not perceive an oncoming car—which simply appears to be getting larger—as moving toward them.

For more information on actions to take following an animal-vehicle accident, please click [*HERE*](#) to access a related article from AAA.

Resources

- [Risk Management Website](#)
- [Student Medical \(Health\) Insurance](#)
- [Risk Management Staff](#)

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