



# Deer Strike Safety

## How to Avoid a Deer Strike While Driving

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## **Stay Alert, Especially During High-Risk Times**

- Deer are most active at dawn and dusk. Be particularly cautious when driving during these times.**
- Fall is peak mating season (October through December), and deer are more likely to be on the move.**



# **Watch for Signs and Areas with High Deer Populations**

- Look out for deer crossing signs, which indicate areas where deer are frequently seen.**
- Be extra cautious when driving through wooded areas, rural regions, or near water sources.**



## **Use Your High Beams When Possible**

- Use high beams at night to increase visibility, but avoid blinding oncoming drivers. High beams can also reflect off a deer's eyes, making them easier to spot.**



# Slow Down and Be Ready to Brake

- Reducing your speed gives you more time to react if a deer appears. Don't swerve to avoid a deer, as this could cause you to lose control or hit another vehicle.
- If a collision seems unavoidable, it's safer to hit the deer directly than to risk swerving.



## **Be Cautious of Group Movement**

- Deer often travel in groups, so if you see one, more are likely nearby. Wait a moment and scan the road before continuing.**



# **Use Defensive Driving Techniques**

- Stay alert and limit distractions; reacting quickly is key to avoiding collisions.**
- Keep a safe distance from other vehicles to allow space for emergency braking if needed.**



## **In Case of a Deer Strike**

- Pull over to a safe area and activate your hazard lights if a collision occurs. Avoid approaching the animal, as it may still be alive and dangerous.**



**Staying vigilant and following these tips will help reduce the risk of deer strikes and enhance overall road safety.**

- [How To Avoid A Deer Strike](#)



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