

Van Backing Safety

Do not position your vehicle so you will have to back into traffic.

Avoid backing by setting up a front exit.

Back from the driver's side to improve visibility.

Rear cameras help, but you must also use your mirrors to see all blindspots.

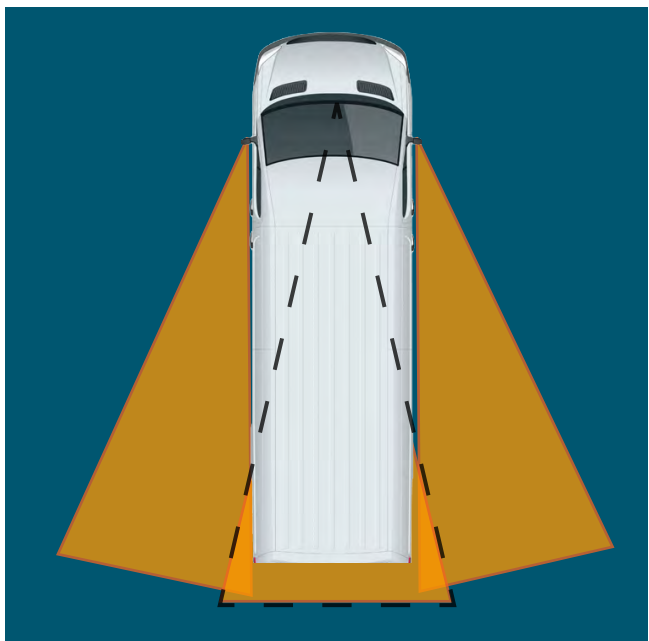
Assess areas you are backing into for overhangs, wires, and other obstructions. **GOAL**

Always complete a walk-around of your vehicle before backing.

When backing in difficult situations, gain the assistance of a reliable spotter. Stop if you lose sight of the spotter.

GOAL:
Get Out
and Look

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15-Passenger vans have larger blind spots than cars. Adjust mirrors to minimize blind spots on both sides and directly behind.



Risky



Safer

Adjust your side mirrors for maximum visibility. You should not see too much of the van in your mirrors.



Shut off your radio, stop distracting activities, and roll your window down so you can hear.

Children under five years old and adults 70 and older have an elevated risk of being back-over victims compared to the rest of the population. According to NHTSA, 47% of passenger vehicle back-over fatalities involved victims younger than five years old.¹

Use extra caution around children and the elderly.

¹Fatalities and Injuries in Motor Vehicle Backing Crashes; The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users; Report to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation