

21 Tips For Safe Backing

1. Safe driving is mostly attitude - attitude- attitude
2. Put macho, ego and humility in the glove box and leave them there
3. Park & back defensively
4. When in doubt- don't back up
5. Position yourself so you don't have to back up if possible
6. Don't back up if you don't have to
7. While backing, you will always have a blind spot
8. Every backing situation is different
9. Plan backing to back the minimum distance possible
10. Back toward the drivers side of the truck if possible
11. Get out and look prior to backing
12. Check for all types of obstacles - including overhead
13. Back immediately after checking
14. If you don't have a back-up alarm, sound your horn before backing, and periodically while backing
15. Continually check mirrors on both sides while backing
16. Use a spotter if possible
17. Eliminate noise and distractions while backing (open window, cease irrelevant conversation, turn down: radios, CB's, stereos, etc.)
18. Back slowly in the lowest gear possible
19. Start backing from a proper position
20. Back into parking lot spaces; so you can drive out, or better yet, drive through; so you are facing out
21. When parallel parking, leave enough room in front; so you don't have to back up when exiting



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