



STATIONARY OBJECTS

Did you know the most common type of auto claim is also the most avoidable? From FY2014 - FY2020, the Risk Fund had 2,150 claims reported where the driver carelessly struck a stationary object or vehicle. This accounts for roughly 28% of all auto claims reported to Risk Management! All of these are avoidable accidents that typically happen because the driver is in a hurry or distracted. Below are some tips to help avoid them.



Where To Look & What To Look For

Ground Level- Items just below driver's view such as: small children, parking bollards, fire hydrants, curbs, guardrails, shoulder banks, rocks, potholes, etc.

Eye Level- Items visible from the driver's seat that may have protruding parts not visible including signs, parked vehicles, building protrusions, gates, sally ports, dumpsters, etc.

Overhead Level- Be aware of your vehicle's height, particularly when driving under building overhangs/drive-thru's, power lines, tree branches, awnings and overpasses.

WHEN IN DOUBT, GET OUT AND LOOK!!!

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How to avoid a Stationary object/vehicle accident

Plan your trip – Gather information about your trip before you leave. Plan for any stops, weather, and potential traffic. If using a mobile device for navigation, enter all addresses into the device so they are ready to go!

Check your surroundings & get to know the vehicle – Walk around the vehicle before entering. Note any hazards that you could hit. Look for close cars, poles, signs, bollards, curbs, fences and anything else you could hit while exiting. Familiarize yourself with all the vehicle's controls (HVAC, gear selector, cruise control, brake/parking brake, windshield wipers, defroster, radio, steering wheel buttons, etc.). Clear windows of debris, ice, fog, or snow.

Secure your cargo and put on your seatbelt – Put loose items securely away. Put mobile devices used for navigation in a mount or stable location. Only use hands free technology if you have to use it at all.

Eliminate any distractions – Don't be tempted to pickup your phone to text, talk, or try to search for something. Driving is a full-time job that requires your undivided attention! The call or text can wait!

Avoid Fatigue- It is important that you do not drive drowsy. If you need a break, find a safe place to park and rest for 20 minutes. It can really make all the difference in your awareness.

Additional Training

Training from Risk Management can be scheduled with
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