

Safe Passing Procedures

For additional information, including assistance in implementing any of these guidelines, please contact your regional Risk Control Specialist or the NCACC Risk Management Pools. We will be glad to assist you.

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Our county is dedicated to highway safety and accident prevention. This dedication is rooted in our commitment to the well-being of our passengers, drivers and the motoring public, as well as our desire to comply with the spirit and intent of all local, state, and federal safety regulations.

The most important element in any driving situation is safety. Nothing is so important that any driver should endanger himself or any other person.

Head-on collisions are the most dangerous and deadly crashes that occur on the highways and are often the result of improper passing on a two-lane road. While it is sometimes necessary to pass another vehicle, drivers should always consider the exposure to a head-on collision that may result.

To reduce the possibility of a head-on collision when traveling on a two-lane road, all drivers should implement the following "Safe Passing Procedures:"

- Make your intentions known to the driver you are passing by use of your turn signal, a light tap on your horn and/or a quick flash of your headlights.
- Check your mirrors to ensure no one is attempting to pass you.
- On a two-lane road, never attempt a pass on a curve or hill.
- Ensure there is no traffic coming from the opposite direction.
- Be sure you have time and space to complete the pass safely.
- Be alert for an unexpected move by the driver you are passing.
- Once you've passed the other vehicle, return to the right lane as soon as possible.
- Never attempt to pass more than one vehicle at a time.
- Do not attempt to pass unless it is absolutely safe to do so.

We realize that safely passing another vehicle will not always be easy, but we know that as a responsible driver you will make every effort to follow the procedures outlined above.

As with any of our county safety policies and procedures, failure to follow these procedures while driving a county vehicle or on county business may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination. Should you have any questions, please contact our safety coordinator or your supervisor.

