



Drive Cautiously in Parking Garages

How many times have you almost been struck by a vehicle in a parking garage? Just as employers asks employees to practice good driving habits on the road and practice safety on the job, this safety moment is to remind all of us who use parking garages to use extreme caution.

1. The way most parking garages are designed, the driving space tends to be narrow, especially with bigger vehicles parked in some spaces. Large pickup trucks, SUV's tend to stick out more in the driving lanes.
2. Parking garages tend to have more blind spots as you drive around corners and the view for pedestrians is blocked by other parked vehicles
3. Parking spaces are often tight and lend to limited visibility while backing out.
4. Garages are not build for speed, the freeways are

Here are safety suggestions when parking in these garages:

- SLOW DOWN
- Drive with your full attention- quit fiddling with the cell phone, radio, sunglasses, etc. Have everything secured in its place before backing out of the parking space
- Keep your eyes moving, check your mirrors and be aware of other vehicles traveling in the garage
- Be aware of people walking in the garage to their cars or to the elevators. For some reason, some folks like to walk down the center of the ramp.
- Don't assume pedestrians see your vehicle.
- Be patient and drive courteously- we all want to get to our destination as quickly as possible

Being a driver is a major responsibility, take your time, be cognitive of others, be courteous, and make it safe for everyone.

Remember: "No task is so important that it be done at the risk of safety."