



Dangerous Debris on the Road



Back To Basics - Watch the Road!

- Debris can appear at anytime, anywhere. People have spotted some really outrageous items in the highway, but anything in your way could damage your tires and lead to a loss of control.
- Some of the most common debris items encountered are treads stripped from commercial truck tires, but many of the items can be associated with motor vehicles or hauling uncovered loads (tires, wood products, and organic material, such as yard debris, stumps, firewood, and pruned branches).
- Vehicles are subject to parts or equipment breaking loose. Blown tires, tire treads, drive shafts, bumpers, hoods, leaf springs, and brake parts have all contributed to serious crashes.



- Items improperly tied onto passenger vehicles, such as mattresses or furniture, also pose a threat to drivers since they can blow off of the roof and land anywhere.
- Vehicles that are carrying loads that could fall onto the road – “Give them extra space or pass them if it is safe to do so!!”
- Plan an Escape Route - Think about where you could move your vehicle in an instant if you to avoid an object in the roadway.
- Be extra careful and pay attention to any “blind areas” around your vehicle where another car or truck may be “lurking”. If you swerve to avoid hitting some obstacle in the lane and end up hitting a vehicle in your blind area, you’re still “in trouble”!
- Additionally, other vehicles may swerve into your lane because of an obstacle in their lane – usually, you can spot this by watching traffic ahead of your vehicle for odd, repeated swerving at the same point in the road.

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