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Special Points of Interest:

Reminder stickers available

A sticker is available for your car that serves to remind you to check all the way around (360 degrees) your vehicle prior to backing up. It can be obtained from your D/S/C SSO or the Business Services Transportation Office.

Google at your own risk

Current ES&H info/docs should be located only through the ES&H webpages. Using Google could very likely get you an obsolete (and unsupported) version.

ESH&Q concern or suggestion?

Talk to your Supervisor, SSO or go to the ESH&Q homepage & click on 'Concerns/Suggestions' (lower left).

Parking Lot Safety

We don't typically consider the potential hazards associated with parking lots, but there are plenty. First of all, parking lots are designed for vehicles and not pedestrians and, therefore, hazards are everywhere. Tragically, the National Safety Council's Journal of Safety Research reported 2,057 work-related deaths on company parking lots between 1993 and 2003. Both pedestrians and drivers should view parking lots as if they were streets and intersections. Below are safety tips for both pedestrians and drivers to follow when using parking lots.



Tips for drivers:

- When looking for a place to park, park further away where there is less pedestrian and vehicle traffic; it's safer and you get more exercise!
- Whenever possible, avoid having to back up. More incidents happen while backing up due to not knowing your surroundings.
- Pull all the way through the parking space to avoid backing up when leaving. If you cannot, now is the time to back into the space, since you have had time to check the surroundings.
- Slow down! The speed limit is typically 10 mph in parking lots. Any faster speeds may result in fatal injury to a pedestrian. Reduce speeds further in bad weather. In wet weather, vehicles have a higher chance of skidding.
- Be cautious in parking garages. They have tight spaces and low clearance. Older parking garages may not be able to handle today's large vehicles so drive cautiously. Also, it's harder to spot pedestrians in a parking garage.
- Drivers of motorcycles and bicycles should follow the same traffic rules as drivers of vehicles.

Tips for pedestrians:



- Be cautious and aware of your surroundings when walking in a parking lot.
- Do not assume that drivers can see you when you can see them. In many cases, the pedestrian sees and hears a vehicle before a driver can see the pedestrian due to blind spots in vehicles.
- Treat the parking lot like a street. Look both ways before crossing, use crosswalks, and always use sidewalks whenever possible.
- Walk down the parking lots aisles and not in-between vehicles when walking to and from your vehicle.
- Try to avoid areas where it would be hard for a driver to see you, for instance in loading dock areas. Try to walk in groups when in a parking lot, it makes it easier for drivers to see.
- In bad weather such as snow, wear proper footwear to provide adequate traction to avoid slipping and falling.