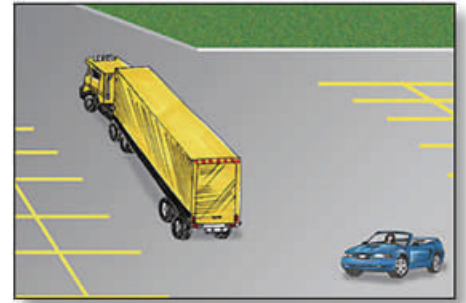


Safety Director's Notebook

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BACKING SAFELY



One out of every four accidents is the result of poor backing techniques. Poor backing can result in damage to equipment, buildings, property, and pedestrians, and can cause serious injury and death. Backing accidents are almost always preventable if the driver is properly trained and uses the following preventative skills:

- Avoid backing if at all possible, or pick spots that reduce backing to a minimum
- Walk around your rig and check for clearance—Get Out and Look!
- Make sure your trailer doors are properly hooked.
- Watch for people, vehicles, forklifts, overhead wires, tree limbs, & other objects.
- Use your mirrors and back up slowly using the driver's side whenever possible.
- Watch your clearance on both sides through your side mirrors.
- Use a spotter if the backing maneuver could be hazardous.
- Turn on your four-way flashers before backing.
- Tap your horn periodically as a warning.
- If it is dark, get out and check the unlighted areas with a flashlight.

G.O.A.L.— (GET OUT AND LOOK)