



SAFETY FIRST

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Parking

Dear Driver,

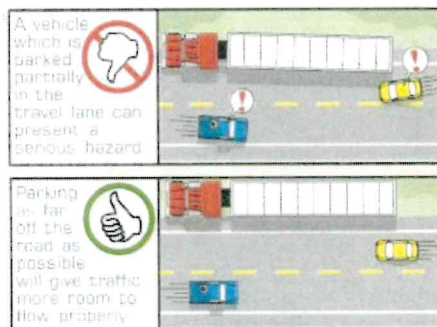
On congested metropolitan streets, parked vehicles are common and drivers are usually ready to react and avoid them. However, on rural and high-speed roads, parking on, or partially on, a travel lane creates a serious hazard, especially at night. Motorists on the highway do not expect to encounter vehicles parked in their lane - their attention level may be lower and they may not be able to react quickly enough to avoid a collision. For this reason, parking along the shoulder is prohibited on major highways, and should be done only during an emergency or if your vehicle is disabled.

Maintenance Checks:

- ✓ Make sure vehicle is clean, especially the backside.
- ✓ Make sure that taillights and emergency flashers are operational.
- ✓ Be sure that emergency reflective triangles and/or flares are stored in the vehicle.
- ✓ Make sure that the battery is in good condition.

Driving Tips:

- ✓ Always try to park your vehicle completely off the road. Even leaving a small portion of your vehicle in the travel lane creates a serious hazard.
- ✓ If you pull off onto the shoulder, turn on your flashers day or night. At night, drowsy drivers who see only taillights on your vehicle may try to follow you onto the shoulder thinking you are still moving.
- ✓ If a sudden breakdown or other emergency forces you to park in a travel lane, turn on your flashers immediately. Set up reflective triangles at the proper distances immediately. If you have a CB radio, call for help. At night, this is an especially hazardous situation for both you and other drivers. Be extremely careful.



REMEMBER...REPORT ALL ACCIDENTS TO THE SAFETY DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY!