



Safety Tips

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.

Holiday Wish – Space in Traffic

The wish we can all agree upon this season is the wish for our space in traffic. Nothing keeps us safer on the roadway than the ability to anticipate and avoid the hazards that are continually presenting themselves during our drive from point A to point B. The space we maintain on the roadway, especially that space to the front of our vehicle is crucial to our safety.

Of course, your space cushion and escapes that go with it are constantly changing. Learn to be uncomfortable when someone or something invades your bubble and cuts off one of your escape routes. You must make certain that someone else's mistake does not cost you or your family.

As Eos: **SAFE**[™] Driver teaches us, there is one escape you can always try to keep and that is your escape to the front. You control the following distance between you and the car in front of you. When someone invades your space cushion, you must learn to drop back and re-establish the escape route.

Don't let other drivers trap you in a pocket from which you have nowhere to go. Leave yourself an escape on all four sides. Remember you can always maintain an escape to the front. The front of your bubble is where you have the most control. Know where you will go if the unexpected happens.

Your bubble includes the area behind you. Avoiding being hit by a car behind you is just as important as avoiding the one in front of you. Check your mirrors constantly for changing conditions such as vehicles pulling onto the roadway and speeding cars or emergency vehicles approaching from behind.

Increase your space to the front in bad weather, slick conditions, limited vision such as fog, rain, or snow, when towing, and when you have a tailgater. Tailgaters are a real problem. You may be able to stop in time but the car behind you may not. Leaving more space to the front of your vehicle when you have a tailgater allows you time to stop both your vehicle and the tailgater.

Give yourself the gift of Space in Traffic this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

