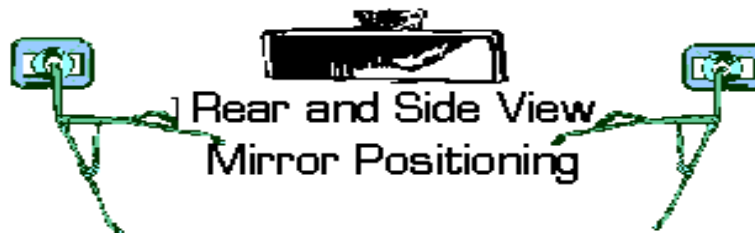




Safety Tips

A five-minute training series for PCOs.



Many of our vehicle accidents are due to lack of visibility, or what is commonly referred to as blind spots. The best way to eliminate blind spots is to properly position your rear and side view mirrors so they compliment each other rather than overlapping or covering the same spots.

The rear view mirror should be positioned to be centered on the back window of your vehicle. It should also be unobstructed and free of distractions such as hanging objects.

The driver's side view mirror can be adjusted by putting your head against the driver's door window and turn the mirror out until you just barely see the side of your vehicle. When you move your head back, you will not see the side of your vehicle, but you will see the critical spot for lane changing and turning.

The passenger's side view mirror can be adjusted by either sitting in the center of your vehicle or move your head to the center and adjust the mirror until you just barely see that side of the vehicle. Again, when you move back to the driver's seat position, you will not see the side of your vehicle, but will see the critical spot for lane changing and turning.

To check your mirror positions from outside the vehicle, stand in what would be the blind spot for that side of the vehicle. The blind spot would be the middle of the next lane at the rear bumper. You should be able to stand at that point and see the driver's face or headrest.

