



Safety Tips

A five-minute training series for PCOs.

How to Keep Your Vehicle From Being Struck

Pest control technicians' vehicles are hit daily. Even though these accidents are often not your fault, you can do some things to reduce the probability of this happening.

First, where possible, avoid parking on the street.

If circumstances are such that you must park on the street:

- Park legally.
- Do not park on a curve.
- Highlight the corner of the vehicle with a red cone or similar device to get the other driver's attention.
- If during hours of darkness, dusk or dawn, leave your parking lights on and park in a well-lit area where possible.

When parking in a parking lot:

- Avoid parking in high traffic areas.
- Park in a well-lit spot if possible.

When driving:

- Always stop far enough behind the vehicle in front of you to see where their rear tires touch the pavement. This will place you far enough back to possibly avoid being pushed into the vehicle in front of you and, if you are observant, you can possibly avoid being rear-ended by pulling around the vehicle in front of you.
- Look in your rear and side view mirrors often for approaching vehicles that have the potential to hit you.
- Avoid sudden stops where possible. When stopping suddenly, look in your mirrors to make sure the other person will also stop in time.
- Following the three-second rule will provide a safety zone that will provide adequate time for you and the person(s) behind you to stop.

NOTE: EVEN THOUGH THE ACCIDENT MAY NOT BE YOUR FAULT, YOU CAN STILL BE HURT, YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE OUT OF COMMISSION AND YOU WON'T GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING AS SCHEDULED, IF AT ALL.

