



Safety Tips

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.



Is Your View Clear?

When we get into our vehicle, we take for granted visibility outside the vehicle. If there is foggy, rainy or other hazardous weather, we adjust for it and hopefully drive accordingly. Often, other drivers we share the road with do not. Therefore, we must drive defensively to compensate for their carelessness.

Unfortunately, we often do not apply the same logic inside the vehicle. Inside visibility is as critical and can be a contributor to automobile accidents.

Are your windshield, rear window and side windows clear and unobstructed? A film gradually builds up on inside glass surfaces. This is caused by smoke, pollutants, humidity and other atmospheric conditions inside the cab. All inside windows should be cleaned every time your vehicle is washed. The inside of the windshield should be cleaned weekly. It may appear clean until you drive into the sun, turn on the heating/air conditioning or if weather changes cause fogging to occur. Condensation forms on the warm side of glass. Therefore, when it is cool and damp outside, fog or moisture will form on the inside causing loss or partial loss of visibility.

Other obstructions can present hazards to vehicle operations. These items include, but are not limited to:

- Loose articles on the dash
- Items hanging from the rear-view mirror
- Articles attached to, hanging from and stuck above the sun visors
- Stickers on the glass (other than the required state and local decals)
- Large cracks in the glass
- Bug and bird debris on the windshield

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.

