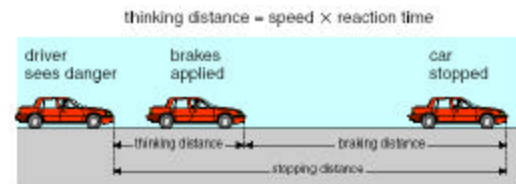


PestSure Safety Tips

INSURING THE FUTURE OF PEST CONTROL

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Stopping Distance - Consider the Factors



Rear-end collisions are more prevalent than any other type of auto accident. A major cause of rear-end accidents is underestimating the stopping distance required.

Factors that affect stopping distance:

Many factors affect the distance required to avoid a collision or bring a vehicle to a stop. These factors vary in each driving situation you encounter.

- Travel speed
- Road surface
- Vehicle brake conditions
- Load weight
- Load movement
- Driver reflexes
- Follow distance
- Driver attention

What you should know:

1. Keep an adequate travel distance (at least a three second space).
2. Adjust your speed and follow distance for road surface conditions or traffic congestion.
3. Be aware of the forward momentum or force of your moving or shifting cargo.
4. Have your brakes inspected and serviced regularly.
5. Increase your follow distance if you are being tailgated or are traveling at higher speeds.

Learn from your near misses:

Vehicle collisions have the potential for causing significant injuries to you and others. When you have a near miss that came very close to causing a rear-end collision, ask yourself the following questions and commit to changing your at-risk behavior:

- **Was my follow distance adequate?** (three seconds for ideal conditions and four or more for other situations)
- **Was I distracted by some other activity and thus unaware of traffic?** (cell phone, map reading, paperwork, etc.)
- **Was the road surface a factor?**
- **Was load movement or forward momentum a factor?**