

PestSure Safety Tips

INSURING THE FUTURE OF PEST CONTROL

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.

Scan Your Zones

Being surprised by something on the roadway can result in a reflex driven reaction that can place you in harms way. A good way to prevent being surprised by the unexpected is to actively scan your zones and mirrors as you move down the road. Organizing your driving world into three zones will assist you in analyzing and understanding the hazards you encounter and give you enough time to react appropriately.

We learned in Eostm The **SAFE** Driver Improvement Systemtm that it is important to develop a pattern of visually scanning your surroundings to include the three zones in front of your vehicle as well as your mirrors.

Three Zones

- **REACTION ZONE** Where you take action up to **5 seconds** ahead
- **IDENTIFICATION ZONE** Where obstacles and hazards can be focused on **6-15 seconds** ahead
- **ATTENTION ZONE** In which you are going to enter in about **16 seconds to 2 minutes**

By the time an event, obstacle or road hazard enters your Reaction Zone you should have a plan in place for safely dealing with the situation. Protecting yourself from the mistakes of others while driving is a full time job that takes constant attention and vigilance.

Remember to organize your driving world. Use your Attention Zone to be alerted to hazards well in advance. Use your Identification Zone to clearly see the hazard before it reaches your Reaction Zone. Remember, once a road hazard has reached your Reaction Zone, all you can do is react.

