

# PestSure Safety Tips

INSURING THE FUTURE OF PEST CONTROL

A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.

## Avoiding the Head-on Collision

**Eos:** The **SAFE** Driver Improvement System™ teaches us many techniques for protecting yourself from the mistakes of others on the roadway. This year, we will review some of the core techniques taught in Eos in the distribution of these monthly safety tips.

One of the most deadly types of crashes is the head-on collision. Eos teaches us that if we spot erratic driving early, we have a much greater chance of avoiding the head-on and hopefully lessening the severity of the accident.

By using our attention zone when we drive, we will spot erratic driving at the earliest possible point. Remember, the attention zone is that distance in front of you that is as far away as you can see.

If you spot an oncoming vehicle being driven erratically, in the attention zone and the behavior continues into the identification zone as the vehicle nears you, take the following actions depending on the situation:



- Reduce your speed by braking hard but still maintaining control of your vehicle
- Look for a good spot to leave the road on the right side
- If there is not a clear path and you must hit something when you leave the road, look for something moveable such as a shrub or fence as opposed to a tree or building
- If pinned in on the right by a wall or bridge, try to time the collision and position your vehicle so that the impact is a glancing blow to the rear quarter panel rather than a head-on impact
- Remember to never cross over to the oncoming lane of traffic. The oncoming driver is likely to try to correct and swerve back or there will be other vehicles coming behind them

The head-on collision is not the most common type of collision but is by far the deadliest. The combined speed of the two vehicles on impact is what makes this type of collision so severe. Do what you can to avoid the head-on by spotting the problem early and taking immediate action.