

# PestSure Safety Tips

INSURING THE FUTURE OF PEST CONTROL

**A five-minute training Series for Pest Management Professionals.**

## Safe Vehicle Operating Condition

How often do we jump into our personal or work vehicle, just taking for granted the operating condition of the vehicle? Depending on your routes of travel for the day, ending up with a disabled vehicle on a busy freeway can be a significant threat to your personal safety.

Be sure to inspect some of the very basic operating elements of your vehicle before every drive. Train your family members to conduct this same checklist each time before they drive.

**Everyday before operation, the vehicle needs to be inspected. This inspection includes, but is not limited to:**

- Lights (headlights, tail lights, directional signals, high beams) operational
- Gasoline level adequate
- Brakes (any warning lights or performance issues)
- Items in the back of the vehicle are secure
- Windows clean and unobstructed
- Seat belts function and utilized by all passengers
- Windshield wipers and fluid adequate
- Sunglasses available within reach
- Tires appear properly inflated and show no signs of damage
- Clutter and loose articles cleared or secured so not to distract or interfere with driving
- Mirrors in good working order and properly positioned to eliminate blind spots



A deficiency in any of the items above can and should typically be handled prior to driving. A more thorough vehicle inspection should be conducted at regular intervals and in keeping with your company safety policy.

Driver distraction is difficult to battle. Taking just a moment to look over your vehicle and consider your upcoming drive can help you to focus on this very dangerous task and help ensure that your vehicle will perform well.