****Preventing Backing Accidents

To escape with a plan all the time you must park so your first move is forward. Parking in this fashion, in effect, leaves an out to the front of your vehicle. This allows you to use your best vision to make certain the parking space is clear as you arrive. You again use your best vision and your out to the front to safely leave.

If you park nose-in to a parking spot, you have lost the security of your out to the front. While you are parked the scene behind you can and usually does change. When you return, you are left with no choice but to back up. Any time you back up, you are unable to use your best vision, unable to move your eyes properly and unable to see the road.

RULES FOR SAFE BACKING

It is recognized that you may, at some time, be required to back up your vehicle. For that reason Eos offers rules for backing that will help make the best of a bad situation.

The recommended rules for safe backing are:

• Back only when you have exhausted all other alternatives for parking.

• Use a ground guide if someone is available.

• Clear the rear

• Sound the horn before you start to move

• Back immediately — never trust the scene you checked to stay the same

• Back slowly

• Don’t back further than necessary

• Always back to the driver’s side