



NEW SEASON. NEW RISKS. SAME RESPONSIBILITY.

Wildlife and Rural Activity

Spring means more animal movement. Deer and other wildlife are most active around dawn and dusk, which increases the chance of animals entering the roadway.

Keep in mind:

- Scan both sides of the road as you drive.
- If one animal crosses, others may be nearby.
- Use high beams when it's safe and appropriate.
- Slow down in posted wildlife areas.

Spring Readiness for Drivers

Before heading out, take a minute to check conditions:

- Review the forecast for rain, fog, or temperature changes.
- Look over your vehicle for any winter wear (tires, wipers, lights).
- Keep windows, mirrors, and cameras clean for clear visibility.
- Allow extra time during rain or peak school hours.

A little preparation can go a long way in changing conditions.

Spring Weather Brings More Activity

Warmer weather means more people outside; kids playing, people walking pets, and increased neighborhood activity.

Stay especially alert in residential areas and near schools. Expect the unexpected and adjust speed as needed.

Construction and Work Zones

Spring and summer bring more construction, lane shifts, and changing traffic patterns. You may encounter narrow lanes, uneven pavement, and workers near the road.

- Reduce speed in work zones
- Watch for flaggers and posted signs
- Increase following distance

Staying focused in these areas helps protect both drivers and road crews.

Farm Equipment and Slow-Moving Vehicles

Planting season brings more farm equipment onto the road. These vehicles often travel below posted speeds and may make wide turns.

- Be patient
- Only pass when it's safe and legal
- Watch for turn or hand signals

Taking a moment here can prevent serious incidents.

Professional Drivers Set the Tone

Every trip is an opportunity to model safe driving. Staying aware of your surroundings, managing speed, and driving defensively helps reduce risk for everyone on the road.

Thank you for the work you do every day to keep roads safer.

Stay alert. Slow down. Arrive safe.



Knowledge Verification



Please answer, and forward a completed copy to your Safety Department/Safety Representative.

1. Wildlife is more active in spring, especially at dawn and dusk, increasing the risk of roadway crossings. True False
2. If one animal crosses the road, it's safe to assume no others are nearby. True False
3. Spring readiness includes checking weather and inspecting your vehicle for winter-related wear. True False
4. Warmer weather means fewer pedestrians and children near roadways. True False

Driver's Name:

Driver's Signature:

Witness Name:

Date:



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Online Learning Library

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Our online Learning Library is a tool our customers can use to enhance their training efforts and keep safety on the forefront of their employees' minds. Below are some additional titles that can be accessed on any mobile device, computer, or tablet. Simply go to <http://orican.infinet-i.net> to get started.

Value Driven Driving:
Module 1 - Preventing Rear-End Crashes
Module 2 - Preventing Loss of Control Crashes
Module 3 - Preventing Lane Change Crashes