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Tips for Sharing the Road with Deer

It is that time of the year when deer are out and about. Vehicles kill hundreds of deer each year. Deer cross highways at any time of the day or night, creating a hazard for the passengers, deer and vehicles.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers driving tips to help prevent collisions:

- Deer are most active at dawn and dusk. Be especially watchful at these times.
- One deer crossing the road usually means there are more deer to follow. They will move fast to catch up with the leaders, mothers, or mates and may not pay attention to traffic.
- Take note of deer-crossing signs; they are put there for a reason.

- Be especially watchful when traveling near steep roadside banks. Deer will pop onto the highway with little or no warning.
- Be aware that headlights confuse deer and may cause them to move erratically or stop. Young deer do not recognize that vehicles are a threat.
- Deer hooves slip on pavement and a deer may fall in front of your vehicle just when you think it is jumping away.
- When you see brake lights, it could be because the driver ahead of you has spotted a deer. Stay alert as you drive by the spot.
- Always, see that all passengers in your vehicle are buckled up!

If a collision with a deer seems imminent, take your foot off the accelerator and brake lightly.

But—and this is important—keep a firm hold on the steering wheel while keeping the vehicle straight. Do not swerve in an attempt to miss the deer. Insurance adjusters claim that more car damage and personal injury is caused when drivers attempt to avoid collision with a deer and instead collide with guardrails or roll down grades.

If you accidentally hit and kill a deer, try to move the animal off the road—providing you can do so in complete safety. Otherwise, report the location of the deer's body to the local police department, and the agency will arrange for the body to be removed. This will prevent scavengers from being attracted onto the road, and eliminate a potential traffic hazard.

If the deer is wounded, call the non-emergency number of the local police department to report the animal's location.



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Under no circumstances are children allowed to ride in The TMA vans at any time. This violation will result in immediate action.

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Driver Needed

If you literally like being in the driver's seat, do we have an opportunity for you! An existing vanpool, traveling

from Murfreesboro to Nashville each weekday is looking for a driver. Call MiMi for details: 615.790.4005.

The TMA Group is a public-private partnership committed to providing environmentally friendly, affordable, reliable, and safe mobility options for Middle Tennesseans.

Bulletin Board Items

NEW VANPOOL forming
from Clarksville/
pleasant View to Nashville



Call MiMi for More
Information!

Check out our newly
redesigned website:
www.tmagroup.org for
complete information
on The TMA's vanpool
program.



VAN CLEANING ALLOWANCE

Just a reminder that each
van is given a \$40 monthly
allowance for van cleaning.
A receipt must be presented
with fares for reimbursement.

Fog and Visibility

Over 450,000 injury crashes occur annually in adverse weather conditions or on slick pavement, according to the US Department of Transportation. Reduced visibility conditions can occur anytime of the year; however, they are most prevalent during the fall and winter months. When driving, keep these tips in

mind:

- * Use moderation in judging safe speed. Slow down enough to maintain a safe stopping distance.
- * Be aware that in reduced visibility conditions, drivers tend to follow the tail lights of vehicles in front of them. If you must pull off of the road, pull as far off the road as possible, turn off your headlights, take your foot off of the brake, and turn on your hazard lights.
- * Do not slow down so much that you become a risk to drivers behind you.

AVAILABLE VAN SEATS

Let us know if you have van seats available on your van. Our latest information shows seats available on vans:

- +Franklin to Nashville (7:30– 4:00)
- +Murfreesboro to Nashville (8:00—4:30)
- +Clarksville to Nashville (8:00—4:30)

CALL US FOR DETAILS



615.790.4005

Insurance News—Worth Repeating!

The TMA Group has contracted with National Indemnity Insurance Company.

IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT

1. Stop immediately
2. Remain calm
3. Protect the scene – be sure to activate flashers
4. Avoid a second accident if

your vehicle is in danger, move it

5. Get assistance – call the police, rescue units and your company
6. Assist the injured if you are qualified.
7. If possible, photograph the scene and vehicles.
8. Complete your accident scene work sheet.
9. Do not make any statements to anyone or sign anything.
10. Provide only the police with: your name, address & driver's license number, your company's name, address and operating authority number.



REPORT CLAIMS IMMEDIATELY TO:

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615-385-8341 (Kay Biggs)
-and-
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