

## Scanning for Hazards | Steer Clear

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(Text on Screen)

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(Image)

An animated car drives on the road. Various hazards appear on the horizon, including pedestrian crosswalks, stop signs, and construction.

(Speaker: Male Announcer)

It's important to recognize potential road dangers with enough time to react safely. This skill comes with practice. Many experienced drivers do it without even thinking.

(Image)

Aerial view of a car driving down a two-lane road. The zone in the front of the car is highlighted, then five more zones to the side and back of the car are highlighted - illustrating field of view.

(Speaker: Male Announcer)

To learn to scan, you'll need to deliberately look far down the road and across your entire field of view.

(Image)

Car on the road again. Two cars pop up on either side of the car as a hazard, then disappears. A slow sign with paw prints pops up as a hazard, then disappears. Pedestrians and a bouncing pop up as a hazard, then disappear. A bump in the road pops up as a hazard, then disappears. A tree limb falls off into the road as a hazard, then disappears. Motorcycles and bicycles drive in front of the car, then disappear. A car hidden behind a bush backs out of a driveway as a hazard, then disappears.

(Speaker: Male Announcer)

Potential hazards include other cars, dogs on leashes, pedestrians, especially children or those distracted by cell phones, speed bumps in the road, debris, including broken branches after a storm, motorcycles and bicycles weaving in and out of traffic who assume you see them, and cars coming out of driveways, which could be hidden by bushes.

(Image)

Car drives on a hilly road and comes up on another car that is stopped just over the hill. Image switches to car driving behind a big truck that obstructs the driver's view of the road beyond.

(Speaker: Male Announcer)

There could be something in the road just beyond a curve or another car stopped just over a hill. Always be ready to slow down if there's anything obstructing your view or if a potential hazard is close to your car. Many crashes occur because the driver's eyes are focused down low and aren't scanning, possibly looking at a mobile phone screen.

(Image)

Car follows too close to the truck in front of it on the road. Scene shifts to show car allowing more space between it and the truck. Image switches again to show car and truck driving off screen.

(Speaker: Male Announcer)

To ensure you get the best view, never tailgate the car in front of you. Not only is it dangerous, but it blocks your view ahead. Make a habit of allowing more space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. That way, you'll have more time to see a hazard and react to it appropriately.

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