

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

360° Walk Around

The average driver operates an automobile in reverse less than a mile a year but 25% of all vehicle collisions in the United States involve backing.

On MCLB Albany, the percentage of collisions related to backing is an unbelievable 90%!

A 360° Walk Around is when you walk completely around your vehicle to check for obstacles and hazards that may not be visible from inside the vehicle. The practice will also help you better judge distances from objects near the path of your car. The 360° Walk Around helps drivers avoid collisions and near misses by making them more aware of their surroundings. Always make sure a 360° Walk Around is the last order of business before getting in your vehicle.



After your 360° Walk Around, when you are in your car preparing to back-up:

- ✓ Put your cell phone away and pay attention. Driving is a full-time job.
- ✓ Fasten your seatbelt.
- ✓ Turn off the radio and roll down a window so you can hear what's happening outside the car like: a child laughing, the wheels of a skateboard, or someone yelling for you to stop.
- ✓ Check for obstacles or hazards in your rearview mirror and side mirrors.
- ✓ Check your back-up camera if your vehicle has one.
- ✓ Turn your head around and look out the back window to ensure your path is free of obstacles and hazards.
- ✓ Use a ground guide if you are maneuvering out of a tight location or between objects.
- ✓ Appoint everyone else in your vehicle as an "assistant driver". Ask them to help you look for hazards while you are driving.
- ✓ Remember that your environment can change very quickly.



To help you develop the 360° Walk Around habit, we have very cool 360° Walk Around stickers for you. You can affix them to your instrument console or driver side window of your GOV or POV as a reminder to get out and look. See your division safety officer or the MCLB Albany Risk Management staff for free 360° Walk Around stickers.



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