

# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM



## 360° Walk Around Safety Initiative



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 safety initiative will also help you better judge distances from objects near the path of your vehicle.

Vehicle 360° walk arounds are necessary before and after trips. There are three reasons for a 360° walk around: (1) assessing the vehicle's condition, (2) evading pedestrians or objects, such as fire hydrants and phone poles in the area and (3) reducing mishaps from backing. The 360° Walk Around gives the driver the opportunity to plan the backing path before moving the vehicle. Implementing the 360° Walk Around at MCLB Albany has proven successful, reducing our backing mishaps by an average of 10%. We continue to use this safety initiative today for GOVs and POVs.

### After a 360° Walk Around:

- Put your cell phone away and pay attention.
- Fasten your seatbelt.
- Turn off the radio and roll down a window so you can hear.
- Check for obstacles in your mirrors.
- Check your back-up camera(s) if your vehicle is equipped.
- Turn your head around and look out the back window.
- Use a ground guide if you are maneuvering in a tight location.
- Appoint everyone in your vehicle as an "assistant driver." Ask them for help while driving.
- Be aware of possible changing environment.



To help you develop the 360° Walk Around routine, we have 360° Walk Around stickers for you. You can affix the stickers to your instrument console or driver side window of your GOV or POV as a reminder to get out and look. Contact Risk Management for free 360° Walk Around stickers.



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