



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

Rural Intersection Alert: Blind Spots

Rural intersections are unpredictable due to limited visibility and unexpected hazards. Pay close attention to blind spots which may hide oncoming vehicles, unsuspecting cyclists, pedestrians, wandering wildlife, or other surprising elements. As you travel your roads keep these safety practices in mind:

Verify Twice: Obstacles like hills, vegetation, or structures can block your vision at rural crossroads. Decelerate and ensure the path is clear—not once, but twice.

Predict Obstructions: Be aware of areas where your vision might be hindered and approach with extra care. Side mirrors are helpful, but they have their limits.

Angle Awareness: Intersections may be angled oddly, so turn fully, not just with a head swivel, to survey all possible traffic and hazards.

Nighttime Vigilance: Low light conditions necessitate heightened alertness. Illuminate your travel path with high beams when it's safe and necessary.

Road Condition Readiness: Anticipate and adapt to inclement weather and irregular road surfaces like gravel, that could alter your vehicle's response.

Signs and Signals: Obey all traffic control signs. At unmarked intersections, assume you're unseen and others might not yield.

Mirror Optimization: Adjust your mirrors to minimize blind spots, but also perform quick shoulder checks for a comprehensive view.

Limit Distractions: Stay focused. Lower radio volume and pause all conversations when approaching intersections.



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