

Your **SMART**   
**SAFETY** Moment

## Backing Accidents

Are you getting the big picture?

Develop some good habits that help prevent backing accidents.

- Get to know your vehicle's blind spots and check them. Mirrors don't give you the whole picture.
- Walk around your vehicle to check for pedestrians (especially children), potholes and tire hazards. This also helps you accurately gauge your clearance from other vehicles or objects.
- Double check all mirrors before you put your vehicle in reverse. Never back up when the mirrors are covered with ice, grunge or anything else that prevents a clear view.
- Be extra cautious backing in inclement weather.
- Tap the horn twice to warn everyone that you're going to back up

Practicing safe backing procedures prevents financial liability to USPS because of property damage or injury.

And that's smart safety!

For additional information or guidance, contact your safety office.