

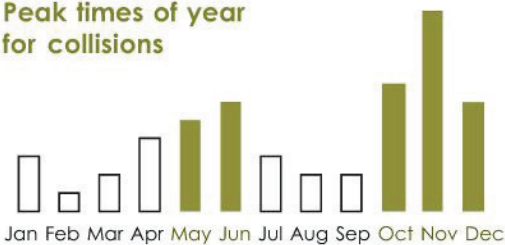


## Watch for Wildlife!

Collisions with wild animals can result in serious vehicle damage, injury or even death.

Wild animals can be unpredictable at all times. However, there are two peak times when the risk of a collision is highest: May and June and from October to January.

Peak times of year for collisions



### Risk Assessment/Hazards

Fall is the season for the mating and migration of many species of wildlife, which means they tend to travel and cross roads more frequently, increasing the risk of collision with a motor vehicle. November is the worst month for animal-vehicle collisions.

- Manitoba has an average of 10,000 crashes per year with wild animals
- These collisions have resulted in \$30 million per year in property damage and injuries
- More than 300 people per year are injured in wildlife-related collisions
- Over the last 10 years, three people in Manitoba have been killed in crashes caused by an animal on the road



### Control Measures/Safeguards

Expect the unexpected on the roadways this fall and be prepared by understanding, reducing and eliminating collisions with wildlife by taking the following steps:



#### Slow Down:

- When you see wildlife crossing signs
- Especially at dawn, dusk and at night
- Where brush and tall grass grow near the road
- Drive at a speed at which you will be able to stop within the zone of your headlights

#### Watch Carefully:

- Scan the roadside for animals
- Watch for the reflection of headlights in the eyes of animals, or a dark silhouette
- Use your high beams at night but remember to dim them for oncoming traffic and when following another vehicle closely

#### If an Animal Crosses:

- Dim your headlights; your brights may cause an animal to freeze on the road
- Slow down and be prepared to stop
- Blow your horn to scare the animal away
- Avoid swerving; you may lose control
- Brake firmly to reduce the impact between an animal and your vehicle

#### If You Hit an Animal:

- Don't touch it; it may hurt you
- Move your car off the road if possible and call the police or have someone call for you

**Wear your seatbelt!**



# SAFETY TALK

Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and file for COR™ / SECOR audit purposes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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