



# Loss Control Safety Techniques



## Hitting Parked Vehicles - Prevention

Hitting parked vehicles in parking lots is very common. Although it is rare for such accidents to result in injuries, many vehicles suffer from severe damage when they are hit while parked. Many times, these accidents can be prevented.

### 4 Easy Steps To Follow:

1. **Park far away from other vehicles.** Although you may need to walk a slightly further distance, doing so might keep you from the process of contacting your insurance company to inform them someone hit your car. If you don't like the idea of parking in less populated areas of the parking lot, remind yourself there are even personal health benefits associated with a walk.
2. **Always use your turn signal when making a turn in a parking lot.** Doing so alerts other drivers where you are proceeding and it often clears confusion and keeps others from guessing your intentions.
3. **Be sure to park in the center of a parking space.** This will allow other drivers enough room to park next to you without being too close. It will also allow you enough room to back up without hitting another vehicle.
4. **Always be attentive when driving in a parking lot.** Awareness and attentiveness are two essential keys to preventing parking lot car accidents. Don't pull out of a parking space without looking in front of and behind you. Be completely aware of what other drivers around you are doing. Never make a turn or any other type of move in a parking lot unless you are sure what other drivers are doing.

### Other Tips:

- Be sure to drive slowly in parking lots.
- If a car hits you in a parking lot and takes off, try to write down the license plate number.
- Be continually aware of other drivers. You never know when they may do something unexpected.
- If you do hit a car in a parking lot, do not leave the scene of the accident. Doing so is considered "hit and run."
- Before you back out of a parking space, look behind you and in both directions to ensure your path is clear.
- Turn on your headlights.
- Watch for small children.
- Turn off your cell phone.
- Be patient and keep your cool.

Parking lot safety is no accident. Take note of the topics and recommendations discussed in this bulletin. We encourage you to put them into practice – doing so helps ensure your safety. It is the philosophy of Frankenmuth Insurance and your Independent Insurance Agent to provide services that give policyholders peace of mind. At Frankenmuth Insurance, we truly are *with you all the way*.

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