

## Fall driving tips regarding wildlife



1. Always wear a seat belt when driving. It is your greatest protection in an impact-related crash.
2. Use high beam headlights when able to see deer better.
3. Scan the ditches while you are driving. Slow down if you notice an animal's eyes in your line of vision.
4. Slow down and blow the horn with one long blast to scare deer away.
5. Brake firmly when a deer is spotted. Do not swerve because you are more likely to overcorrect and go into the ditch.
6. Be mindful of deer crossing zones.
7. Be alert in natural cover areas. Deer will often be found by streams, sloughs, rivers, and shelterbelts that are near roadways.
8. Look for other deer if one crosses the road. They seldom run alone.

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