Fixed Objects (Motor Vehicle Safety) Picture This



What’s wrong in this picture?

Accidents involving stationary objects often occur in parking lots at truck stops, rest areas, and customer facilities. Bridges, low-hanging wires, overhangs, and signs are additional hazards if the driver is not unaware of the height of his/her vehicle. Likewise, adverse weather affects visibility and a driver’s ability to identify hazards. A critical factor in accidents involving stationary objects is driver behavior. Distractions inside the cab and out are a risk any time the vehicle is in motion. Likewise, failing to inspect the area around the truck (and above) for stationary objects in the vehicle’s path can lead to accidents.

When you backing up remember GOAL; get out and look behind the truck to ensure it is clear of hazards, use a spotter and traffic control, especially if backing across traffic lanes, use your mirrors and do not rely solely on backing cameras, and, roll down the windows and turn off all devices to limit noise distractions.