

## Eliminate Your “Blind Spot” through Proper Mirror Adjustment

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A driver’s “Blind Spot”, defined as the area outside the driver’s view in the side mirrors, can momentarily hide another vehicle and can contribute to the occurrence of an accident. Approximately 60% of accidents that occur during a merge or lane change involve vehicles located in the blind spot. Proper alignment of the car’s mirrors can help reduce or eliminate the blind spot and reduce your potential for an accident while driving.

### Proper Mirror Adjustment:

- **Left mirror:** sit in your normal driving position and then put your head gently against the left front window while adjusting the left outside mirror. The mirror should be turned so that you can just see the side of your car while your head is against the window. You do not need to see the side of your car while driving because if there is a car brushing the side of your car, you already have a problem.
- **Right mirror:** sit in your normal driving position and then move to the right until your head is in the center of the car. Adjust the mirror so that you just see the right side of the car.
- **When you are in traffic, check the setting of both mirrors.** Watch the left mirror while a car is passing you on the left. As the car leaves the scope of view of your rear view mirror, it should come into view in your left hand side mirror. As it leaves the scope of view of your left side mirror it should appear in your peripheral vision. The same check should be made to the right hand mirror while allowing a car to pass on the right side of your vehicle.

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