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There are many things we can do to minimize our chances of having a backing accident, including:

- Making backing your last option
- Knowing your vehicle's blind spots
- Getting out and looking (GOAL) to assess hazards and limitations
- Using a spotter to help them safely back
- Blowing your horn to let others know you are about to back

There are also numerous tools and technologies available to help us back safer—from mirrors to backup cameras and alarms to blind spot sensors to infrared object detection and braking systems. The bottom line is that our driver training efforts might need to focus more on safe backing practices. Equally important is that our policies—for those with workers collecting trash and recyclables—should include NEVER backing with helpers on the riding step or when we cannot visually confirm that they are clear of the path of the vehicle.

Please watch the safety page of our Chapter website for links to more backing information and resources. Safe backing helps keep us all safer.

Remember—safety is a team sport and we are all in this together! -Dennis