

The Optimist Club notice that many accidents happens when motorists leave backing out (in reverse) from parking spaces.

Since the coming of bicycle paths, motorists outgoing from there driveways are more exposed to accidents. They have to deal with moving vehicles, pedestrians on sidewalks, cyclists and skators on bicycle paths. The last-mentioned, in there corridor, are unconcerned of vehicles outgoing from driveways. Responsibility still belongs to the motorist to assure that the road is clear.

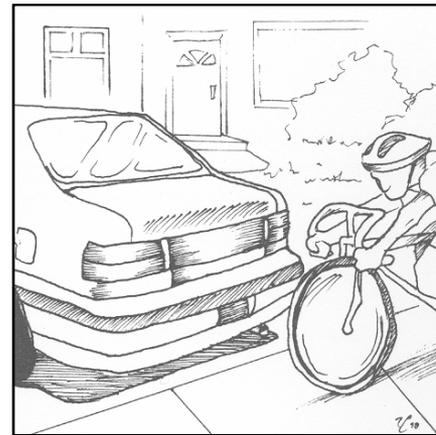
Backing-out into traffic under constraint of dead angles and all other preoccupations creates an extreme hazardous situation. Upon arrival backup parking is an excellent way to reduce the risk of accidents involving pedestrians, cyclist or skators.



Before installing this roadsign, at the end of a baseball game, many children with there bicycles and some on foot had to pass behind cars parked front end in. Motorists were backing out among childrens creating a hazardous situation. From now on, as the picture shows, vehicules are ready to leave safely.

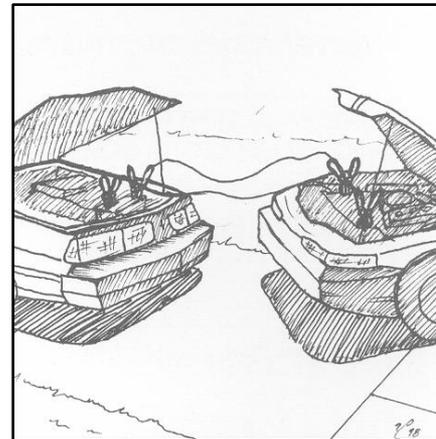


At school or at work, employees will leave at the same time safely.



Without any warning a bicycle appears

***Back-up  
parking, it  
makes sense !***



Always ready !

### True facts

(from coroner office)

July 1993, 1 yr and 3 months

A mother looks over to see the location of all her children nearby and gets ready to back-out from her entry. She is distracted for a moment thinking if she forgot something and hits her own child.

Réf.: 78329

September 1994, 1 yr and 10 months

After dinner, a pick-up driver hits his niece backing-out from his entry.

Réf.: 98256

June 1997, 1 yr and 11 months

At 1h, a pick-up backs-up from driveway and hits a child that was playing in a sandbox moments ago.

Réf.: 114577

May 1995, 4 years old

A father wants to take out the lawn mower from the garage. While the backing manoeuvre with his pick-up, his son slid under the front left wheel and got crushed

Réf.: 106903

October 1993, 9 years old

A truck backs-up from a private entry and does not see a small girl riding her bicycle on the sidewalk.

Réf.: 89577

January 1994, 75 years old

A man is hit by a car backing-out from an entry while walking on the sidewalk.

Réf.: 91544

October 1997, 78 years old

At 1h30, a lady walking on the sidewalk is hit by a pick-up that was backing-out from his driveway.

Réf.: 116746

# Conclusion

**Your Optimist Club  
encourage you to back-up parking.**

## Advantages of back-up parking...

- Leads to a safe exit
- Favours driver visibility
- Attracts attention when leaving, since we are more easily seen with our headlights on
- Reduces risks of accidents
- Ideal position to be towed and boosted
- Facilitates exit between snow banks
- Ready to leave in case of emergency

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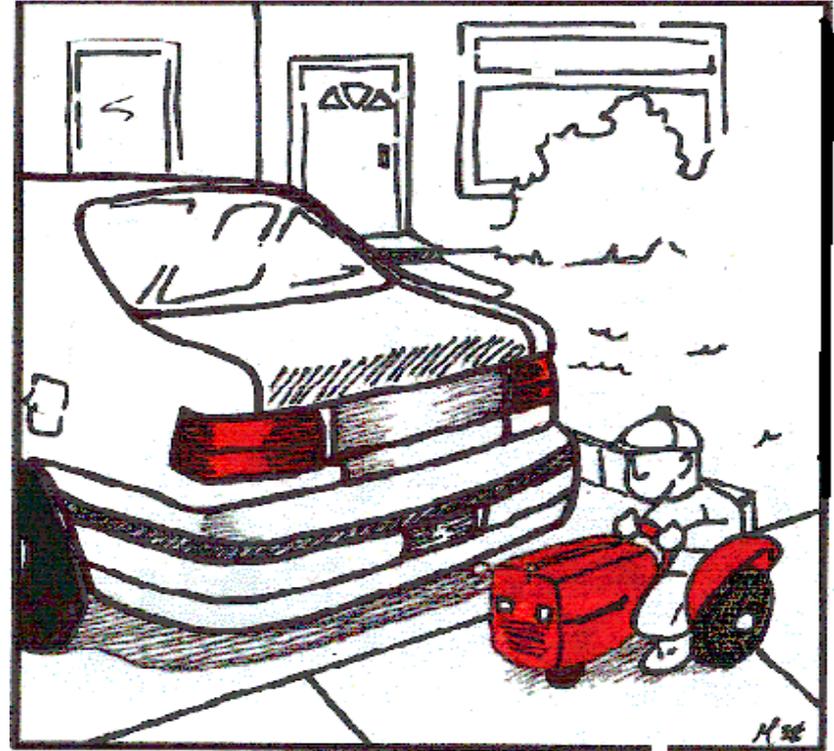
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Roadsign

***Who has never heard about  
this kind of accident ?***



***Back-up parking would make more sense !***

Companies that have fleets of vehicles, have a preventive driving program for their drivers that stipulates :

***" The best moment to prepare to leave  
a place safely, is upon arrival. "***

Many companies and public services such as telephone, gas and power, police, firefighters, army forces etc... adopted this practice.



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