



Safe Driving Tips

Safe Procedures for Stuck Accelerators

Recently, there has been much publicity about sticking accelerators in some cars and faulty brakes in some trucks. While these cases are extremely rare, they could pose a very serious safety hazard. In each case, a driver would be operating a vehicle, potentially at a high rate of speed, without being able to use normal procedures to decelerate or stop. Hopefully, none of you will ever face this situation but, if you did would you (or your teen driver) know what to do?

Below are recommended procedures to most safely address each situation:

Stuck accelerator pedal

- Hook your toe under the accelerator and try to pull towards you
- If you cannot free the accelerator, shift into neutral and use the foot brake to slow down
- Put on your directional signal and select a safe spot to stop
- If your vehicle has a locking steering wheel or power steering, do not turn off the ignition because you will lose power steering or lock the wheel, making it impossible to steer

Brake failure

- Shift into neutral and/or use the emergency brake to slow down
- Put on your directional signal and select a safe spot to stop
- As above, if your vehicle has a locking steering wheel or power steering, do not turn off the ignition because you will lose power steering or lock the wheel, making it impossible to steer

It's important to be prepared for the unexpected and we recommend that all drivers, veterans and beginners, mentally practice these steps. And always, drive at a safe speed and maintain a proper following distance in case an emergency occurs.

Drive Safely!



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