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Friday Safety Brief

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Fall Roadway Hazards Include Deer

SAFETY TIPS PLEASE READ

Autumn brings an increase in deer activity, and drivers are reminded to watch carefully for deer darting across and along roadways.

Fall marks the deer's breeding season, and deer pay less attention and become bolder as they move around more and travel greater distances seeking mates. Primarily nocturnal feeders, deer are most active between sunset and sunrise. Other factors that affect the travel patterns of deer in the fall are farmers actively harvesting the last of their crops and preparing for spring planting and increased activity in the woods from hunters seeking game and outdoor enthusiasts enjoying the last remaining days of good weather.

By following a few safety tips, motorists and outdoor enthusiasts can help reduce the possibility of being involved in a crash with a deer. Remember to:

- ♦ Slow down and use caution, particularly where deer crossing signs are posted and increase following distance between vehicles;
- ♦ Be especially watchful during morning and evening hours when wildlife is most active;
- ♦ Exercise caution when one deer crosses a roadway. Since deer often travel in small herds, one deer will usually be followed by others;

Remember to always wear your seat belt!