

Emergencies that can occur when driving.



Your brakes fail



When you go to brake and the pedal feels 'spongy' or soft, and your vehicle is not slowing down, there are four key factors in slowing or stopping safely.

1. **PUMP THE BRAKES:** This will build up pressure in the brake system and may help the slowing process.

2. **MOVE THE GEARSHIFT DOWN** from DRIVE to 3 to 2 into LOW or 1st:

This will transfer the power in the engine and help reduce your speed.

3. **PULL THE PARKING BRAKE ON GRADUALLY** (Threshold Breaking)

This should; combined with the other steps, STOP your vehicle.

Note: if you never use your parking brake, It may not function.

4. **ALWAYS LOOK AHEAD, WHERE YOU WANT TO GO .**

NOTE: On new model vehicles the brakes may be operated by a computer and therefore an electrical malfunction rather than mechanical.

Placing the gear into neutral and using the parking brake would be an option.



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Gas Pedal Sticks

Try to dislodge the pedal if stuck by carpet or debris.

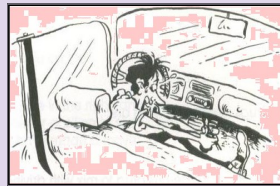
If the problem is in the engine, put gear into **neutral**, the vehicle will coast and gradually slow down.

(Don't be put off by engine revving)

Use this momentum to safely pull over to the shoulder, Stop; and then switch the engine off.

Put on your Hazard lights and Hood up.

DON'T TURN THE VEHICLE OFF WHEN DRIVING AS YOU CAN LOSE STEERING AND BRAKES



Car Stalls at Traffic Lights.



Try not to panic.

Put gearshift into **NEUTRAL** and try and restart.

Don't pump the gas pedal.

If vehicle starts, then put it back into drive.

If it doesn't start, put it into park and put your hazard lights ON and your hood up.



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Avoiding a Head On Collision on a Highway

Steering your vehicle off the road onto the shoulder can be a scary experience.

There are a number of reasons you may have to steer off the road.

An oncoming vehicle in your lane; an animal darts out in front of you; or debris on the road.

There are four key factors in keeping your vehicle under control and you safe from a serious collision.

1. **PUT YOUR FOOT ON THE FLOOR:**

Hide your foot: this way you won't be tempted to use the brake and therefore lose traction on the shoulder.

DO NOT BRAKE!

2. **LOOK WHERE YOU WANT TO STEER THE VEHICLE:**

DON'T LOOK AT THE DITCH: you may steer that way. Using where the shoulder meets the road is a good guideline.

3. **KEEP A FIRM GRIP OF THE STEERING WHEEL, DON'T OVERSTEER or OVER CORRECT THE WHEEL.**

Once you have gained control of the vehicle, check to see if it's clear, and carefully steer back onto the road.

