

## SAFETY MATTERS

## **OVERCORRECTING**

Overcorrecting is a common driving error that can lead to serious injury or death. This happens when a driver panics and steers too hard in reaction to an event, causing them to lose control of the vehicle. A common example of this is when a truck drifts slightly off



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the road onto the shoulder and the driver overcorrects trying to get the vehicle back on the road. This can cause a rollover or send the vehicle across lanes of traffic. Follow these tips to prevent dangerous overcorrection.

- Stay alert and drive at a safe speed at all times.
- Keep adequate distance between yourself and other vehicles.
- If a sudden event occurs (like a tire goes off the road), don't yank the steering wheel.
- Maintain control of the vehicle and gradually slow down.
- Bring the vehicle to a controlled stop if need be.
- Return to roadway when it can be done safely.





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