

# safety matters

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## Circle for Safety – It could just save a life!

Safety is at the core of the values at the Gallagher Companies. As part of our commitment is the 360 degree Circle for Safety each and every time an employee gets in a vehicle. **Safety may start at work, but carrying it home is just simply, smart.** Here are twelve points you can share with friends and family to conduct their own inspections:

- Is there any damage/proper tread on the tires? Are they properly inflated?
  - Are there any low to the ground obstructions, such as walls, fire hydrants, landscaping, rocks, bikes, toys or other fixed objects? This is especially important in the winter month, when objects may be covered by ice or snow.
  - Make sure there are no persons behind or beneath the vehicle, especially small children.
  - Double check that any loaded material or equipment is secure and that there is no risk falling or striking another vehicle when in motion. Are all storage compartments closed?
  - Check that all headlights, tail lights and brake lights are in working condition.
  - Is front, side and rear glass clean with good visibility? Is windshield washer fluid full? Are wipers functioning? Are mirrors are clean?
  - Look for any fluid leaks and follow owner's manual for routine checks on fluid levels.
- Are seatbelts function properly?
  - Check that the fuel level is satisfactory.
  - Scan gauges for warning lights.
  - Make sure the engine starts and runs without excessive vibration.

360 vehicle walk-arounds, is not just theory. Recently we have had two incidents that could have been prevented had the 360 Circle for Safety been performed. Fortunately, there was only vehicle damage, nobody was injured.

By taking a moment to actively think about safety and preform your 360 Circle for Safety, you can save lives and prevent damage.

