

City of St. John's Corporate and Operational Policy



Policy: 14-11-10 Vehicle Reverse Parking Policy

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Title: Vehicle Reversing Policy

Purpose

To advocate “reverse parking” for all City employees, contractors, and visitors both at work and at home in areas where the parking stalls are not angled. It is well accepted in leading safety organizations that it is much safer to “back in” than to back out.

Some of the reasons include:

- Front facing vehicles can be driven out more easily in an emergency situation
- Pedestrians (and children) can be seen more easily when driving forward out of a parking spot
- Other vehicles can be seen more easily when driving forward out of a parking spot
- Employees tend to arrive on site over a more varied time-frame and park when there is lower vehicle activity
- Employees tend to leave the site (generally) in groups at fixed times (4 pm and 4:30 pm etc.) creating higher vehicle activity
- A two year study carried out in the United Kingdom showed that companies who employ a Reverse Parking Policy had a far lower incidence rate of minor car park collisions and accidents involving pedestrians

Some Basic Guidelines for Parking Garage and Lot Safety

- Pay attention to all posted signage
- Always stop for pedestrians
- Watch for other vehicles entering and exiting the parking areas
- Obey any posted speed limits
- Use only one space and leave room for others
- Stop at all entrance and exit areas before proceeding and stop at all crosswalks
- Pay attention to traffic flow

Approvals**Responsibility**

Manager Corporate Risk and Recovery, all employees.

Available to Public

Yes