



You are about to back out of a spot in a parking lot, and you are watching the rear view monitor.

You can see on the left side of the camera view that one person has passed your car, so you decide to turn the wheel to the right and start backing out.



Your Position



Weather



Time of Day

You are about to back out of a parking spot.

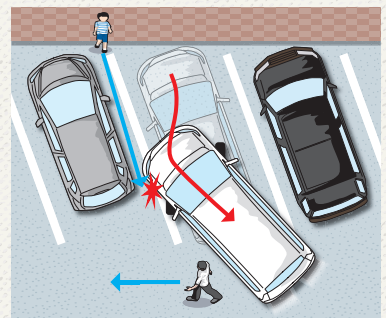
What should you be looking at right now?

ANSWER

You should be watching the child in front of your car.

When you turned your wheel to the right and began backing out, the child walked over to the left side of your car and was almost struck. (See diagram.) You should have made sure to keep the child in sight as you backed out of your parking space. The number of rear view monitors in mini-

vans and other vehicles is increasing, but they are meant to improve visibility, not to be relied upon completely when backing up. Make sure you have a good view of the area around your car so you can back up safely.



Accidents in Parking Lots

The number of pedestrian casualties in accidents involving vehicles in parking lots is comparable to numbers at intersections and roadways between 2010 and 2014. Is it particularly easy for children to end up in a vehicle's blind spot, so it's important for parents and guardians to hold their hands and keep them close.

● Read Nagayama's risk prediction commentary online. (Japanese only)

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