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AVOIDING BEING STRUCK FROM THE REAR

Yes, there are things you can do to avoid having another vehicle strike you from the rear. No, it does not matter whose fault it is or whose insurance company will pay -- your vehicle still has to be fixed, and your injuries still hurt.

Check mirrors constantly so that you always know what is behind you and what is moving up on you.

Always signal your intentions in advance so the other driver can be prepared for your actions.

Encourage tailgaters to pass you. Give them room, signal to them, but don't brake. Slow slightly -- show them that you are not willing to move faster but will let them by.

Stop smoothly. Avoid sudden stops.

Keep aware of the entire traffic scene, and look well ahead, so that you will not be taken by surprise and won't need to make a panic stop yourself.

Leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front.