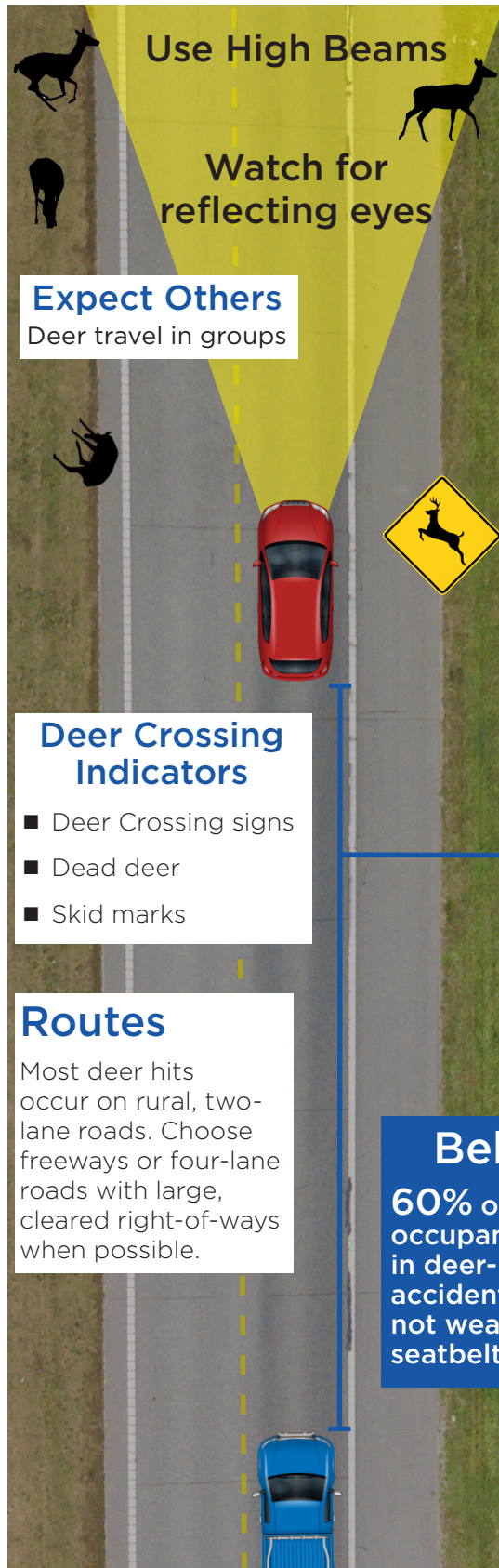


Deer Collision Season: October Through November



Use High Beams

Watch for reflecting eyes

Expect Others

Deer travel in groups

Deer Crossing Indicators

- Deer Crossing signs
- Dead deer
- Skid marks

Routes

Most deer hits occur on rural, two-lane roads. Choose freeways or four-lane roads with large, cleared right-of-ways when possible.

Belt Up

60% of occupants killed in deer-related accidents were not wearing seatbelts.



Don't Swerve

Brake firmly, bringing your vehicle to a controlled stop in your lane of traffic.

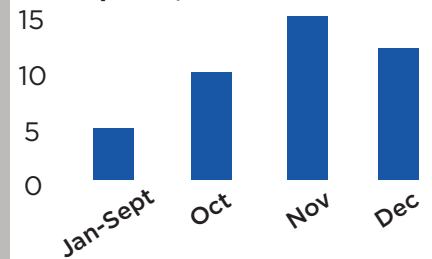
86% of single-vehicle deer collision fatalities involve the vehicle swerving, leaving the roadway and striking a fixed object or overturning.



3-4 Second Following Distance

- Improves visibility to see deer earlier
- Allows time to react to others suddenly braking for deer

Vehicle-Animal Collisions per 1,000 Vehicles



Deer collisions are **2.7 times** more likely in November.

Why Oct - Dec?



Breeding



Hunting



Harvest

These activities cause deer to roam or be pushed from their normal territory, often across roads.

Peak Times

Dusk and Dawn: 5-8 a.m. and p.m.



But be cautious at all times

¹Losses Due to Animal Strikes, Highway Loss Data Institute Volume 36, No. 4 May 2019

²Williams, A.F. and Wells, J.K. 2005. Characteristics of vehicle-animal crashes in which vehicle occupants are killed. Traffic Injury Prevention 6:56-59