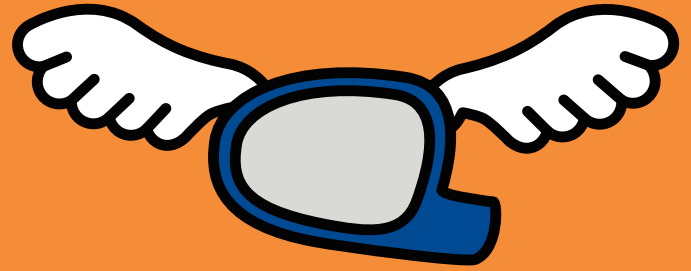


# Wednesday: How to avoid damage to your wing mirrors.



Wing mirrors are incredibly useful – and incredibly vulnerable. Sitting out there on the sides of your vehicle, they are easily knocked by passing cars and people.

We analysed 12 months of claims data – 89,608 car, home and contents claims made between July 2019 to June 2020 – for The Mistake Report. It found that you are most likely to damage your wing mirrors on a Wednesday.

In 26 per cent of these wing-mirror incidents, damage was caused by drivers getting too close to stationary objects such as barriers, poles and parked cars.

In 19 per cent of incidents, multiple moving vehicles were involved.

Not paying attention when driving, parking or reversing can easily result in a damaged wing mirror, so – while it may sound obvious – make sure that you drive carefully at all times.

But what else can you do to protect those precious mirrors?

1. Consider parking at a distance from other cars, to minimise the chances your wing mirrors will be damaged. This may mean choosing a park that is further from the entrance.
2. When you choose a park, make sure there is enough space between you and the next vehicle.
3. When you park, get in the habit of rotating your wing mirrors inwards to protect them.
4. Try not to let children play with your mirrors, as tempting as they are. It is too easy to harm the electrics inside.
5. When you go through a car wash, rotate your wing mirrors inwards to avoid damage from the machinery.
6. Finally, take care when you clean the mirrors by hand – the glass is delicate.

