Your car is smarter than you think: 8 safety features in cars.



Modern vehicles come equipped with more technology than ever before, and many safety features in cars today are designed to prevent accidents. The problem is, many drivers don't realize how many of these tools their vehicle already has.

Discover eight safety features in cars that can increase safety and reduce risk on the road.

1. **Automatic emergency braking (AEB).** Automatic emergency braking monitors the road ahead for potential collisions. If the system detects a vehicle, pedestrian, or obstacle and senses that a crash is imminent, it can automatically apply the brakes. Even if it doesn't completely stop the vehicle, it can significantly reduce the severity of a crash.

2. **Blind spot detection.** Changing lanes can be risky. Blind spot monitoring systems use sensors to detect vehicles in these hard-to-see zones. If a vehicle is detected, a warning light will appear in your mirror or on your dashboard. Some systems will also sound an alert or flash a light if you signal to change lanes while another vehicle is in your blind spot.

3. **Front, rear, and 360-view cameras.** Many cars now offer front, rear, and 360-degree cameras to give you a full view around your vehicle. It provides a more comprehensive view of the hazards, helping you maneuver your car more safely.

4. **Lane keeping assist.** No matter how attentive we are on the roads, there are times when we can

lose focus, become distracted, or start to veer. Lane keeping assist helps to right your vehicle, so you don't drift into another lane or car.

5. **Adaptive cruise control.** Traditional cruise control maintains a constant speed, but adaptive cruise control enhances safety by adjusting your speed based on the traffic ahead. If traffic slows, your car automatically reduces speed. When the road clears, your vehicle will gradually accelerate back to your preset speed.

6. **Driver assistance warning.** Some vehicles, especially those with autonomous driving capabilities, now include systems designed to detect signs of driver fatigue or distraction. They monitor your behavior, including steering patterns and lane position to sense if you're losing focus. An alert may appear, encouraging you to pull over and take a break.

7. **Towing assist.** If you tow a trailer or launch a boat, your car may have systems to make these tasks safer. Towing assistance features help manage trailer sway, provide guidance lines, or alert you if your load is unstable. Some vehicles even include boat launch assist, which can help you back a trailer into water safely and with more control.

8. **App location features.** Many cars now come with companion apps that make it easy to monitor your vehicle from your phone. These apps can show your car's exact location, track tire pressure, check oil life, and even alert you to maintenance needs. With all this information at your fingertips, you can stay on top of your car's condition and avoid unexpected issues.

Using the full range of safety features in cars can make driving and parking easier, safer, and less stressful. While these tools help protect you on the road, it's also a good time to review your auto insurance. Talk to a local, independent agent to ensure you're covered for the road ahead.

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