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COLLISIONS BETWEEN VEHICLES AND LARGE ANIMALS

Wildlife crashes happen anywhere, anytime - but be especially alert:

- From dusk till dawn. Slow down at night
- Driving through forested or rural areas
- When you see one deer or moose...they tend to travel in a group so there are often more animals nearby

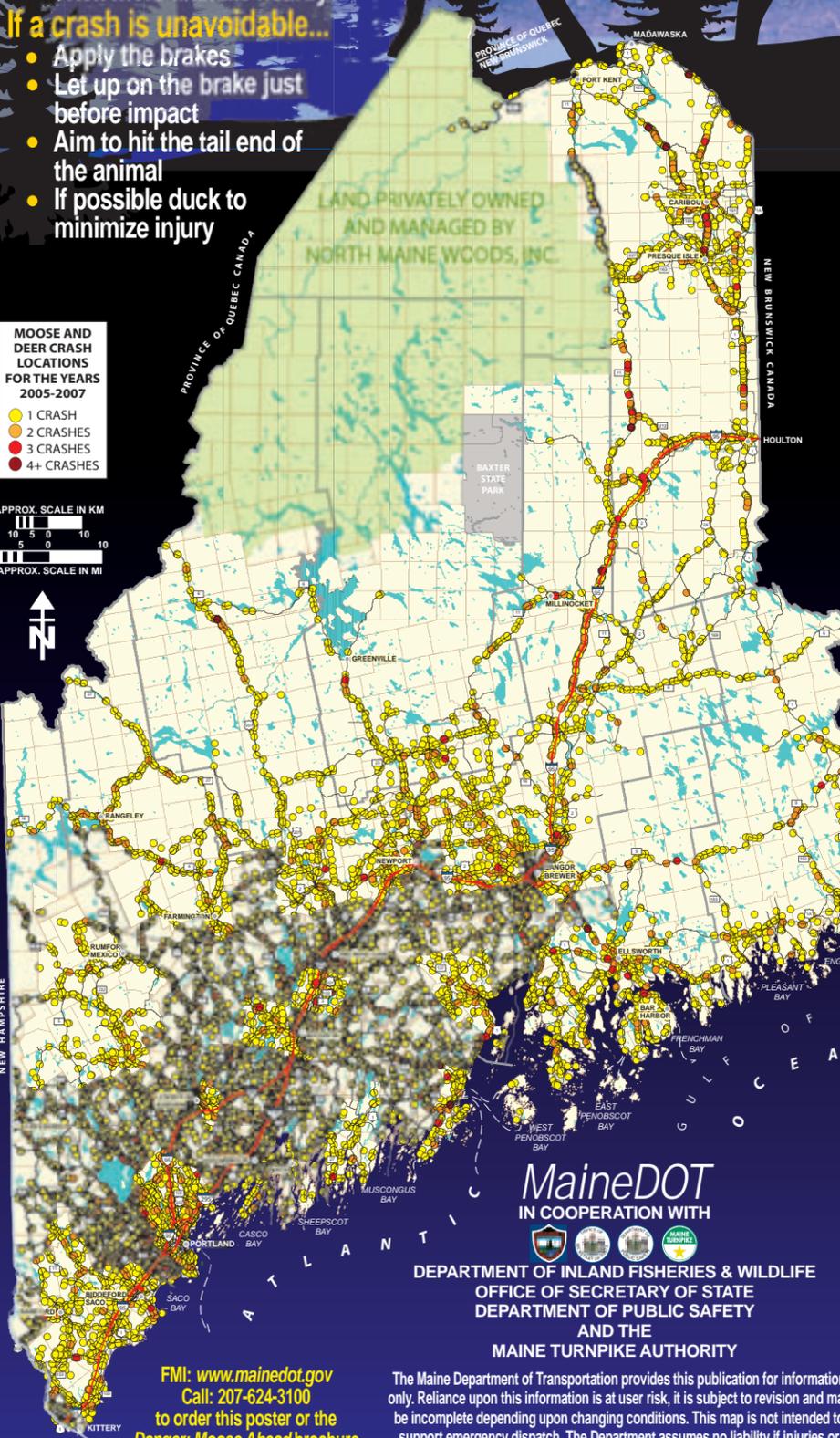
If a crash is unavoidable...

- Apply the brakes
- Let up on the brake just before impact
- Aim to hit the tail end of the animal
- If possible duck to minimize injury

MOOSE AND DEER CRASH LOCATIONS FOR THE YEARS 2005-2007

- 1 CRASH
- 2 CRASHES
- 3 CRASHES
- 4+ CRASHES

APPROX. SCALE IN KM
10 5 0 5 10
APPROX. SCALE IN MI



MOOSE CRASHES PER 100 MILLION MILES TRAVELED

In the photo above, the moose that is backlit by the sun on the side of the road is quite easy to see. However, the moose in shadows in the on-coming traffic lane is much less visible in this typical dawn/dusk setting.

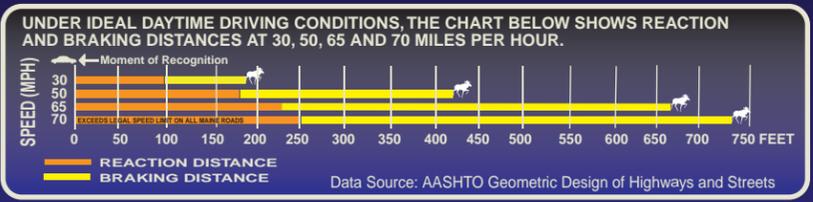
MOOSE TOTAL CRASHES 2005-2007
1,969

Watch for the reflection of headlights in the eyes of a deer. Because moose are taller, headlights don't reflect in their eyes. Instead, be on the lookout for a tall silhouette.

DEER CRASHES PER 100 MILLION MILES TRAVELED

In this photo, the deer standing on the shoulder of the road (outlined in white) is very difficult to see. Combine vehicle speed, traffic distractions, natural camouflage, with unpredictable behavior and the chance of a crash increases.

DEER TOTAL CRASHES 2005-2007
9,165



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