

# Practice safe driving as deer activity increases



With deer activity and collisions on the rise, Team Kentucky is reminding drivers that the best defense against a deer-related crash is to stay alert, slow down and buckle up. New crash data shows Kentucky experienced a seven-year high of 3,411 deer collisions in 2025, underscoring the importance of safe driving habits as peak deer movement season gets underway along roadways statewide.

“With deer active this time of year, especially at dawn and dusk, motorists should stay focused, slow down in areas where deer are present and always wear a seat belt,” said State Highway Engineer James Ballinger. “A few extra moments of caution can help prevent a serious crash.”

According to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, deer movement typically increases during the fall as mating season begins and food sources shift. Deer often travel farther distances during October, November and December, making roadway encounters more common.

Kentucky State Police data shows deer crashes have climbed each year since 2020, resulting in an overall 18.2% increase over the past five years.

While crash numbers increased last year, data showed a positive downward trend in deer crash-related fatalities with none reported in 2025, compared with six fatalities in 2024. Thirty people were reported to have been seriously injured in these crashes. Nearly half of all deer collisions occurred during the final three months of the year. November recorded the highest number of crashes with 823 reported collisions, followed by October with 394 and December with 330. Together, those three months accounted for nearly 46% of all reported deer crashes in 2025.

“October to December is mating season for deer, a time when deer activity peaks as males roam further afield to locate females,” said Joe McDermott, deer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “Fall also pressures deer to move in search of food and shelter as cover foliage disappears, crops are harvested and natural food sources are depleted. Drivers should be aware that they could see deer crossing quiet lanes and busy highways at any time during the season, particularly at dawn and dusk.”

Kentuckians should drive with caution, especially at sunrise and sunset when deer are most active. Crash data also shows deer-related collisions are most common during evening commuting hours and periods of low light. The highest crash totals occurred between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., with 304 crashes

reported at 6 p.m., 242 at 7 p.m. and 281 at 8 p.m., highlighting the need to drive alert at dusk and in the evening.

Among Kentucky counties, Hopkins County recorded the highest number of reported deer collisions in 2025 with 134, followed by Hardin County (118), Muhlenberg County (95), Nelson County (95) and Boone County (94). Several western Kentucky counties ranked among the highest for deer crashes, continuing a pattern seen in recent years.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. issues a yearly report of collisions involving deer and other wildlife based on insurance claims. Despite a national decrease in wildlife-involved collisions, for the year ending June 30, 2025, State Farm reported more than 1.6 million animal collision claims in the United States, and deer remain the most frequently struck animal.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) offers these driving tips to stay safe:

**Stay Aware:** Be vigilant, especially in forested terrain, and during dusk and dawn when deer are most active. Deer often travel in groups so others may be close behind if you see one.

**Be Prepared:** Always wear a seat belt (it’s the law) and eliminate distractions (phones down!).

**Turn On Headlights:** Keep them on bright unless other vehicles are approaching.

**Slow Down:** Take your foot off the gas immediately if you spot a deer crossing the roadway.

**Don’t Swerve:** Trying to avoid a deer can result in a more serious crash with an oncoming vehicle or roadside object.

**If There’s a Crash:** Keep both hands on the wheel and apply brakes steadily until stopped.

Motorists are asked to report all deer-vehicle collisions to police. KYTC traffic engineers use the crash data to help place deer-crossing warning signs and other safety measures.

Kentucky was one of 17 states to receive a federal grant in 2024 to make roadways safer for people and wildlife. The \$1.2 million award funded a wildlife-vehicle collision reduction plan and a pilot study in central Kentucky. Analysts examined vehicle collisions along the U.S. 60/Interstate 64 corridor in Jefferson, Shelby and Franklin counties where white-tailed deer are involved in a high number of collisions and collected data to understand deer habitat and behavior patterns using drones, GPS collars, trail cameras and field surveys. KYTC is continuing its assessment to identify infrastructure solutions to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission is seeking vendors for the upcoming Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program’s (LIHEAP) Subsidy and Crisis components which includes all bulk fuel vendors (propane, kerosene, fuel oil, wood, and coal), metered utilities, and any landlord who provides heat as an undesignated portion of the rent to their tenants. For more information or to request a vendor application, contact Ingrid Washington at NKCAC 717 Madison Avenue Covington, KY 41011; [iwashington@nkcac.org](mailto:iwashington@nkcac.org); or call 859-581-6607. NKCAC serves Gallatin, Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton Counties. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
**ORDINANCE 2026-04**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARSAW, IN GALLATIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WARSAW AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX OF \$0.129 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION (\$1.29 PER THOUSAND) OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY, AND \$0.024 ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION (2.4 CENTS PER HUNDRED) OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY FOR THE 2026 ASSESSMENT TAX YEAR AND SPECIFYING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE TAX IS LEVIED.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WARSAW, IN GALLATIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:**  
A. An Ad Valorem Tax 0.129 (12 and 9 tenths cents) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) worth of real property is hereby levied on all lands, improvements, tangible or intangible held or owned by any person, firm, company, corporation or association in his, hers, or its name or as fiduciary or agent and subject to taxation under the laws of the State of Kentucky, including property and franchises hereof and hereafter assessed by the Gallatin County Property Valuation Administrator, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Kentucky Railroad Commission, State Tax Commission and State Board of Evaluation and Assessment.

B. An Ad Valorem Tax of 0.024 (2.4 cents) per one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of personal property is hereby levied on all personal property and unmanufactured products not in the hands of the producer, or in the hands of the agent of any producer in the City of Warsaw, Kentucky is hereby levied.

C. All of such taxes shall be paid to the Treasurer of the City of Warsaw, Kentucky.

D. The aforementioned Ad Valorem Tax is levied for the purpose of paying of officers and employees of the City of Warsaw, expenses of the fire department, street repairs, construction and reconstruction of streets, as well as the current expenses of the City of Warsaw, Kentucky and shall be known as the general fund for the purpose of paying all legal claims arising from the City of Warsaw, Kentucky.

**SECTION 2:**  
All taxes are due by December 31, 2026. All unpaid taxes as of January 1, 2027 shall become delinquent and a penalty of (10%) ten percent will be added to the tax bill plus (1%) on percent per month interest until paid.

**SECTION 3:**  
The tax liability imposed herein shall be based upon the assessed value of the property owned by the taxpayer on January 1, 2026 or as determined by the Gallatin County Property Valuation Administrator.

**SECTION 4:**  
Each taxpayer shall be liable for all taxes imposed on the basis of the property owned by the taxpayer on January 1, 2026.

**SECTION 5:**  
The Ad Valorem Tax is levied and assessed for the following purposes: to pay the salaries of all administrative officers; to provide police protection; to provide for payment of salaries and expenses for other employees, consultants and contractors, and for compensation for others providing goods and services to or for the City; to pay the cost of telephone, light, heat, power and other utilities; to pay insurance and bonds and acquisition of equipment and supplies for City purposes; to pay toward the cost of cleaning and maintaining sewers, streets, sidewalks, gutters and repairing and/or replacing same; to pay rental, costs and expenses for the use and occupancy of municipal property; to pay for expenses incident to operation of the Public Works Department of the City; and to pay the general cost of carrying on the business of the government of the City, including the cost of materials, manpower and equipment incidental thereto.

**SECTION 6:**  
This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and approval according to law and publication thereafter.

**SECTION 7:**  
All Ordinances or parts of any Ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict, if any, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 8:**  
The provisions of this Ordinance are

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
The City of Warsaw is accepting sealed bids for their SNOW CONTRACT. Bid is for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Bid is for snow plowing and salting of all city streets in the City of Warsaw.  
•Bid is for per hour worked of salting and plowing of all city streets  
•Contractor will furnish all equipment necessary  
•Contractor agrees to maintain liability insurance to cover him and all employees  
•Contractor must have a city business license  
•Contractor shall furnish bill to city at end of each month that service is needed  
•The Mayor or Clerk will notify Contractor when services are needed  
•City will furnish all salt  
Bid submitted must also show proof of Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage.  
Please contact the City of Warsaw, 859-567-5900 with any questions AND to obtain a BID FORM.  
The bids should be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope:  
**“SEALED BIDS FOR SNOW CONTRACT”**

All bids must be received by November 9, 2026 at 4 p.m.  
The City of Warsaw reserves the right to reject any and/or bids.

CHARLIE FRENCH  
Mayor, City of Warsaw

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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
The City of Glencoe is now accepting sealed bids for Snow Removal within the City Limits. Bids will be accepted until 4 p.m. on October 12, 2026 and will be opened at the City Council meeting that evening.  
All bids must include insurance and workman’s comp., employees or labor. Bids may be dropped off at the City Building at 112 North Main Street in Glencoe on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from Noon to 4 p.m.  
For more information, contact Mayor Mark Wilson at (859)643-2211.

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## YARD SALE

**YARD SALE:** Saturday, October 3, 9-2, home of Tracy Miles, 105 Stafford Ave., Warsaw. Nice dresses, designer purses, mens clothes, jewelry, books, household items, outdoor fold-up chairs, weed-eater, small air compressor,, Christmas and Fall decorations, and luggage. Everything must go!

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky will hold a hearing beginning on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in Case No. 2026-00094, which is the Electronic Application of Kentucky-American Water Company for an Adjustment of Rates, Approval of System Improvement Program, and Tariff Changes. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed by connecting to the YouTube link posted on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](https://psc.ky.gov), on the day of the hearing. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to provide public comments may do so by arriving at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, before the start of the hearing.

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