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Wounds - Parking lot injuries

One place that always makes me feel uneasy the that big parking lot at the grocery store or the mall. I get a lot of patients who are injured at these places. The way the rows are laid out are often confusing. Who goes first at this intersection? People often walk out from between cars. I cannot see them coming and they do not see me. Everybody is always in a rush to get in and out.

Fender bender accidents occur. Some people get run over. Shopping carts are run into people resulting in leg wounds. Big packages and boxes are dropped causing injury. A fall from a curb or sidewalk may result in a broken leg or arm. These are significant injuries. Patients with crush injuries are worse.

I do not see most of the lesser and minor injuries. One of the common causes of bad injuries that I do see are not that obvious. Severe injuries have resulted when people trip over those cement car stops. Those are the blocks you pull your car up to when you park. People trip over these when coming back to their cars. Their hands are full of packages and they cannot or do not look down.

If your hands are full when you fall then you may not be able to hold that hand out to break your fall. People land flat on the face. Ouch. Some of the worst facial injuries I have seen happened this way. I wish I had an answer as to preventing this problem.

My feeling is that parking lots are danger zones. You must go slow, take your time and watch where you are going. Pay attention to those darn cement blocks.

**The above represents the opinion of A. E. Haas, M.D.
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