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Make Room for Safety This Spring

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Now that spring is here to stay, farmers across Manitoba are busy preparing for seeding and all of the related jobs that come with warmer weather and the new growing season. As spring work swings into high gear, everyone who travels on Manitoba's roads must be aware that there will be more farm machinery on the move, and understand how we can share the roads more safely.

Caution must always be exercised to prevent a collision. Farm equipment is often moving slowly, but that doesn't mean that it's always safe to consider passing. It's easy to underestimate the speed of a tractor and a move to pass before the next oncoming car can lead to a rear-end collision. The farm vehicle operator often moves over to the shoulder of the road, but this can also be a danger. The combination of soft gravel, a slope toward a ditch, and wide machinery makes it more likely that an equipment rollover can occur.

KAP is asking motorists to slow down this spring when they approach farm machinery, and to allow the time and space you need to pass safely. For their part, farmers should make sure that all of the necessary markers and reflectors are clear on their equipment, and that they take the time to travel safely.

KAP wishes a safe and productive spring season to all farmers across the province.