

DRIVER'S EDUCATION, BEST QUOTES ON

I WENT TO A PARTY

I went to a party, Mom.

And remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink, Mom,
So I had a Sprite instead.

I felt proud of myself, The way you said I would,
That I didn't drink and drive,
Though some friends said I should.

I made a healthy choice,
And your advice to me was right
As the party finally ended,
And the kids drove out of sight.

I got into my car,
Sure to get home in one piece,
I never knew what was coming,
Mom something I expected least.

Now I'm lying on the pavement,
And I hear the policeman say,
'The kid that caused this wreck was drunk,'
Mom, His voice seems far away.

My own blood's all around me,
As I try hard not to cry.

I can hear the paramedic say,
'This girl is going to die.'
I'm sure the guy had no idea,
While he was flying high,
Because he chose to drink and drive,
Now I would have to die.

So why do people do it, Mom,
Knowing that it ruins lives?
And now the pain is cutting me,
Like a hundred stabbing knives.

Tell sister not to be afraid, Mom,
Tell Daddy to be brave,
And when I go to heaven,
Put 'Daddy's Girl' on my grave.

Someone should have taught him,
That it's wrong to drink and drive
Maybe if his parents had,
I'd still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter, Mom,
I'm getting really scared.
These are my final moments,
And I'm so unprepared.

I wish that you could hold me, Mom,
As I lie here and die.
I wish that I could say I love you,
Mom.

So I love you and good-bye.

--Unknown (Printed by
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According to the NHTSA, more than 6,000 teens die each year from injuries resulting from car collisions, making it the number one killer of teens in the United States. Typical reasons include a lack of driving experience, poor vehicle control, risk-taking, and failure to wear seat belts.

—driversed.com

Always drive as if a traffic cop were looking.

--Unknown

He who stops to look each way will live to drive another day.

--Unknown

The great equalizer of all men is the art of driving. Behind the wheel of a car on the open road, all men are equal. No difference exists and no preference is given to the 16-year-old, the octogenarian, man, woman, teetotaler, drunk, pagan, professor...All drivers have equals rights, equal privileges, and equal power.

--Dan L. Miller

All the safety devices on a car can be replaced by one careful driver.

--Unknown

A pedestrian may be wrong but he doesn't deserve the death penalty.

--Unknown

A lot of responsibility comes with a drivers license. You have to drive safely, obey the traffic laws, and respect the rights of other drivers. Not only should you concentrate on your own driving, you should also be well aware of the other vehicles around you. Driving safely also includes how and where you park your car. Passengers in your car put their safety in your hands and expect you to drive safe as well.

—*driversed.com*

In driving, one assumes the danger of destroying life, beginning with one's own.

—Richard T. Kelly

The total ugliness and indifference of the worst features of the human race come out in their driving habits.

—Charles Bukowski

I haven't met that many women, human or angelic, who actually like to drive. In my experience they seem to be much more pragmatic about the whole thing than we are. For most males, driving is an extension of their masculinity; they have little fantasy scenarios going all the time - races, chases, and dramatic combat with other drivers. Females, on the other hand, generally seem to view driving as something you do to get somewhere. I know, crazy.

—Tad Williams

Your car is not a phone booth. Just drive.

—Unknown

For each and every decision, there's a consequence. From an insurance standpoint, there's an increase or decrease of premiums, based on driving experience.

—Brian Caldwell

Typing or reading on our phones while driving adversely affects stimulus detection, reaction time, lane positioning, vehicle control, and, yes, collision rate.

—J. K. Caird

In January 2004, at 4:00 p.m., in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a 20-year-old woman ran a red light while talking on a cell phone. The driver's vehicle slammed into another vehicle crossing with the green light directly in front of her. The vehicle she hit was not the first car through the intersection, it was the third or fourth. The police investigation determined the driver never touched her brakes and was traveling 48 mph when she hit the other vehicle. The crash cost the life of a 12-year-old boy. Witnesses told investigators that the driver was not looking down, not dialing the phone, or texting. She was observed looking straight out the windshield talking on her cell phone as she sped past four cars and a school bus stopped in the other south bound lane of traffic. Researchers have called this crash a classic case of inattention blindness caused by the cognitive distraction of a cell phone conversation.

—*National Safety
Council*

When you read about a car crash in which two or three youngsters are killed, do you pause to dwell on the amount of love and treasure and patience parents poured into bodies no longer suitable for open caskets?

--Jim Bishop

In traffic, it is better to be careful a hundred times than to be killed once.

--Unknown

You're not driving your car after you pass eighty miles an hour—you're aiming it.

--Unknown

What has not happened to you in ten years of driving may happen to you in the next ten minutes.

--Unknown

The right-of-way is not worth dying for.

--Unknown

You should drive your car as if your family was in the other car.

--Unknown

Drive toward others as you would have others drive toward you.

--Unknown

To drive carefully—just drive like everybody else is crazy.

--Unknown

Beneath this slab

John Brown is stowed.

He watched the ads,

And not the road.

--Ogden Nash

The lesson you learn in a traffic accident could be your last one.

--Unknown

If you think a seat belt is uncomfortable, you've never tried a stretcher!

--Unknown

If one drives a car with the help of one's mind, one can go only in the lowest gear.

The mind cannot keep pace with all the movements necessary for developing a greater speed. To drive at full speed, especially in the streets of a large town, while steering with the help of one's mind is absolutely impossible for the ordinary man.

--Georges Gurdjieff

Accidents, and particularly street and highway accidents, do not happen—they are caused.

--Ernest Greenwood

America has more than 50 million motor vehicle missiles, some of them not very well guided.

--*Rushville Republican*

Mathematics equation: the number of blasts that come from auto horns in a traffic jam is equal to the sum of the squares at the wheels.

--*Indiana Telephone News*

That's a wise delay which makes the road safe.

--Spanish Proverb

Sign near Colorado Springs:

The average time it takes a train to pass this crossing is 14 seconds—whether your car is on it or not.

--Pageant

The secret of accident-free motoring is to anticipate situations before they develop...After an emergency has developed, it is often too late to avoid a collision. So take it easy—think—live and let live!

--Aetna Casualty and
Surety Company

Road sense is the offspring of courtesy and the parent of safety.

—Maud van Buren

The basic 'Three E's' of traffic safety—education, engineering and enforcement.

--C. F. Butcher

We are not proving ourselves spiritually worthy of our material progress. We have not been neighborly, courteous, and kind upon the highway. Our lack of decency toward our fellow men is a definite black mark against us.

--Cary T. Grayson

The grim reaper smiles in his sleeve as he takes his daily toll from humanity's stupidity and carelessness.

--Ernest Greenwood

It is better to obey laws than to appeal for mercy in the courts.

--Charles M. Hayes

Except in rare instances, traffic accidents are not acts of God.

They are acts of men. They can be prevented.

--National Conference
on Street and
Highway Safety

Automobiles are not ferocious...it is man who is to be feared.

--Robbins B. Stoeckel

To be a good driver in the terms of applied ethics is to be a person of good manners, ready to see and appreciate the problems of others, to make proper allowances for them and to exercise even a little more patience, care and consideration than is actually called for by the letter of the law.

--Robbins B. Stoeckel

Rush Hour: That hour when traffic is almost at a standstill.

--J. B. Morton

What's wrong with (this sentence):

The automobilist came to a full stop to let a pedestrian cross safely and smilingly called out: 'That's all right: I'm in no hurry'?

--H. I. Phillips

SLOGANS

If you drink, don't drive! If you drive, don't drink!

He who stops to look each way
May live to look another day.

The chance-taker is the accident-maker.

Cross Crossings Cautiously.

Stop! Look! Listen!

All accidents have causes.

Better cause a delay than an accident.

The speedway ends at the cemetery.

The first rule of the road is Courtesy.

Govern your driving by the conditions ahead.

As the horsepower in modern automobiles steadily rises, the congestion of traffic steadily lowers the average possible speed of your car. This is known as Progress.

--Sydney J. Harris

The freedom that the automobile has given the average American is a good thing, even though it may take him a long time to learn how to use it.

--Elmer Davis

The automobile has become such an important member of the American family that many of us house and clean our cars and worry about their health almost as if they were alive.

--*American Museum of
Natural History,
New York*

55 M.P.H. — A law we can live with.

--Unknown

Accident statistics prove that the road to heaven is paved.

--Harold Coffin

Driving is the epitome of egotism, since all drivers behave as if they were the only ones on the road.

--Dan L. Miller

Most accidents are caused by motorists who drive in high while their minds are in neutral.

--Unknown

It's the nut *behind* the wheel and not the nut *on* the wheel that causes traffic accidents.

--Unknown

Automobiles are gradually doing away with absent-minded people.

--Unknown

Cars and bars mean stars and scars.

--Unknown

A reckless driver is seldom reckless for very long.

--Unknown

Sleeping at the wheel is a good way to keep from growing old.

--Unknown

One way to reduce motor accidents is to build cars so they can't go any faster than the average person thinks.

--Unknown

Automobiles continue to be driven at two speeds—lawful and awful.

--Unknown

The difference between learning to drive a car and learning to play golf is that when you learn to play golf you don't hit anything.

--Unknown

There are two finishes for automobiles: lacquer and liquor.

--Unknown

An automotive invention that is sorely needed is brakes that will automatically get tight when the driver does.

--Unknown

Everybody should learn to drive an automobile. This is especially true of those who sit behind the steering wheel.

--Unknown

The worst fault of a motorist is his belief that he has none.

--Unknown

Glasses can make driving a lot safer. Providing, of course, they're worn instead of emptied.

--Unknown

Drive carefully! Motorists can be recalled by their maker.

--Slogan

A good safety slogan: 'Drive Scared!'

—Slogan

Drive carefully! The life you save could be someone who owes you money.

--Unknown

Better be patient on the road than a patient in the hospital.

--Unknown

The careful driver stops at a railroad crossing for a minute; the careless one, forever.

--Unknown

Always drive so that your license will expire before you do.

--Unknown

Shrink your speed and stretch your life.

--Unknown

A tip to young male drivers: Forget the girl and hug the road.

--Unknown

Drive with care. Life has no spare.

--Unknown

Defensive driving is looking both ways before crossing a one-way street.

--Unknown

Drivers are safer when highways are dry, and highways are safer when drivers are dry.

--Unknown

A highway is a road that can make bad manners fatal.

--Unknown

The hand that lifts the cup that 'cheers' should not be used to shift the gears.

--Unknown

Driver! Please give the pedestrian a break instead of a fracture.

--Unknown

Take one natural-born fool and one high-powered automobile. Soak fool in liquor, place in car, and turn loose. After due time, remove fool from wreckage, place in a satin-lined box, and garnish with flowers.

--Unknown

It takes a thousand nuts to hold an automobile together, but just one to spread it all over the landscape.

--Unknown

People who drive fast usually get where they're going ahead of time—sometimes forty or fifty years ahead of time.

--Unknown

Statistics show that an average of 39,000 people are killed by gas annually. Sixty inhale it, forty light matches in it, and 38,900 step on it.

--Unknown

Once a teenager passes his driving test, he can pass almost anything except his school subjects.

--Unknown

Traffic warning sign: 'Go slow. This is a one-hearse town.'

--Unknown

This is the grave of Mike O'Day
Who died maintaining his right of way.
His right was clear, his will was strong,
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

--Unknown

Walking isn't a lost art—one must, by some means, get to the garage.

--Evan Esar

A steering wheel makes everyone equal.

--Dan L. Miller

Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything.

--Charles Kuralt

The easiest way to determine a person's innermost character is to put that person behind the wheel of a high-powered car on a U.S. highway.

--Unknown

The most dangerous animal in the U.S.A. is the road hog.

--Unknown

Americans are broad-minded people. They'll accept the fact that a person can be an alcoholic, a dope fiend, a wife beater, and even a newspaperman, but if a man doesn't drive, there is something wrong with him.

--Art Buchwald

Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you and scorn in the one ahead.

--Mac McCleary

The automobile has not merely taken over the street, it has dissolved the living tissue of the city. Its appetite for space is absolutely insatiable; moving and parked, it devours urban land, leaving the buildings as mere islands of habitable space in a sea of dangerous and ugly traffic....Gas-filled, noisy and hazardous, our streets have become the most inhumane landscape in the world.

--James M. Fitch

In driving, there are two types of motorists—those who drive as if they owned the road, and those who drive as if they owned the car.

--Unknown

A bend in the road is not the end of the road...unless you fail to turn.

--Unknown

The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status, or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we all believe that we are above-average drivers.

--Dave Barry

A pedestrian is a man who has two cars—one being driven by his wife, the other by one of his children.

--Robert Bradbury

I was raised in a small town called Critz, Virginia. It was so small that our school taught Driver's Ed and Sex Ed in the same car.

--Mary Sue Terry

Speed provides the one genuinely modern pleasure.

--Aldous Huxley

The automobile changed our dress, manners, social customs, vacation habits, the shape of our cities, consumer-purchasing patterns, common tastes and positions in intercourse.

--John Keats

The car has become...an article of dress without which we feel uncertain, unclad, and incomplete.

--Marshall McLuhan

A cousin of mine who was a casualty surgeon in Manhattan tells me that he and his colleagues had a one-word nickname for bikers: Donors.

--Stephen Fry

If I were taken and pinioned for hours at a time in a shuddering, jerking box of steel and glass, lights flashed in my eyes, fumes blown up my nose and gas pumped into my lungs, if this were to be done by the Chinese, then I should be the subject of stern leaders in *The Times* and the righteous anger of the *Daily Express*. Yet I submit to this treatment of my own free will. I do it every week and it's called driving down to London.

--Alan Bennett

An American is a man with two arms and four wheels.

--Unknown

There are two classes of pedestrians in these days of reckless motor traffic: the quick and the dead.

--George Robey

Parents usually know where a teenage son is: he's in the family car; but they don't know where the car is.

--Unknown

The cause of most traffic accidents is high h.p. and low I.Q.

--Olin Miller

Another reason for highway accidents is that the new car models are faster, while the pedestrians are still made in the same old models.

--Unknown

If you are careless enough, your present car should last you a lifetime.

--Unknown

When an adolescent gets some money, the first thing he wants is a car; and when he gets a car, the next thing he wants is some money.

--Unknown

When I began going about by car I got just as angry at the carelessness of pedestrians as I used to be at the recklessness of drivers.

—Sigmund Freud

The faster a motorist is in the pursuit of happiness, the less likely he is to overtake it.

--Unknown

A reckless driver endangers others in four ways—north, south, east and west.

--Unknown

Many a man dies with his boots on—the accelerator.

--Unknown

People who insist on drinking before driving, are putting the quart before the hearse.

—Laurence J. Peter

If your wife wants to learn to drive, do not stand in her way.

--Unknown

Drive like hell, and you'll get there.

--Unknown

Learning to drive is easy: go when it's green, stop when it turns red, and slow down when your instructor turns white.

--Unknown

Good driving is cooperative, not competitive; it is better to be outstripped than outlived.

--Unknown

Of course Americans trust in God—you can tell by the way they drive.

--Unknown

A fast finish for a car is lacquer, but a faster finish is liquor.

--Unknown

Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth.

--Erma Bombeck

In the good old days, when a teenager went into the garage, he came out with a lawnmower.

--Unknown

Within walking distance means in the suburbs no farther than the garage.

--Unknown

A foot on the brake is worth two in the grave.

--Unknown

The man who hasn't time to stop at a railroad crossing, always finds time to attend the funeral.

--Unknown

There's a line on the ocean where you lose a day when you cross it; there's a line on the highway where you can do much better.

--Unknown

Too many young men who have passed their driving tests think they can pass anything.

--Unknown

An adolescent becomes an adult when he thinks it is more important to pass an exam than to pass the car ahead.

--Unknown

The most common form of car sickness nowadays is the feeling you get every month when the payment falls due.

--Unknown

You don't have to be reckless to lose control of your car—you can forget to keep up the payments.

--Unknown

A pedestrian is a person walking or lying in the street.

--Unknown

A pedestrian is one who is sure there is still a gallon of gas left in the tank when the gauge points to empty.

--Unknown

Thanks to our high birth rate, people are being born faster than cars can kill them.

--Unknown

Horsepower was a lot safer when only the horses had it.

--Unknown

Progress is always uneven: as our driving manners become more crude, our gasoline becomes more refined.

--Unknown

We have finally reached a state of affairs where a man can fly into space safely, but cannot cross the street safely.

--Unknown

Another place where a motorist never makes the same mistake twice is a railroad crossing.

--Unknown

Don't race trains at crossings: if it's a tie, you lose.

--Unknown

The pedestrian who has the right of way gets little satisfaction out of being dead right.

--Unknown

The highway is full of careless motorists who are always driving too close ahead of you.

--Unknown

The rush hour is when a motorist travels the shortest distance in the longest time.

--Unknown

Know the traffic laws, but don't learn them by accident.

--Unknown

There's only one kind of safe car, and that's the one that can go no faster than its driver can think.

--Slogan

Along the highways, you can't see the scenery for the signery.

--Slogan

Buckling a seat belt takes much less time than a ride in the ambulance.

--Slogan

The reason seat belts are installed in cars is to keep people alive until they make their last payments.

--Slogan

Seat belts were invented to keep you from suddenly leaving the scene of an accident.

--Unknown

Frequent naps will keep you from getting old, especially if you take them while driving.

--Unknown

Driving as if you were late to a dental appointment is a good safe speed.

--Unknown

Life can be pretty grim when you pass eighty, especially if there's a state trooper behind you.

--Unknown

Sooner or later the speed maniac is bound to be overtaken by the state trooper or undertaken by the mortician.

--Unknown

The motorist who rushes to cover the earth faster than others ends with the earth covering him sooner than others.

--Unknown

The most expensive vehicle to operate per mile are the carts found in a supermarket.

--Unknown

One way to solve the traffic problem would be to keep all the cars that are not paid for, off the streets.

--Will Rogers

The advantage of a house trailer is that it provides you with a place to live while you look for a place to park.

--Unknown

A car is the only weapon against which there is no defense.

--Unknown

Many a woman who can get an eight-inch foot into a six-inch shoe cannot get a six-foot car into an eight-foot garage.

--Unknown

After witnessing an auto wreck you always drive carefully—for several minutes.

--Unknown

In most two-car families, the man drives the big new car to work, where it sits idle for nine hours, while the wife drives the old clunk—on and off, all day long. To her the clunk is a tool; to the man the car is a symbol in the company parking lot.

--*Kaiser News*

Climbing into a hot car is like buckling on a pistol. It is the great equalizer.

--Henry Gregor Felsen

Cars are built for speed, and highways are built for speed. What is not built for speed is the human body.

--*Transportation
Department
Official*

Instead of bringing people together, the automobile actually tends to isolate or disperse them. Instead of walking or strolling, or sitting outside, the American roams in a car, his box, and he encounters other boxes, not people.

--Ralph Slovenko

The bumper's only use is a Braille device to help you park.

--Eugene Bordinat

Highway: The horizontal line of a new Freedom extending from ocean to ocean.
--Frank Lloyd Wright

Mass transportation is doomed to failure in North America because a person's car is the only place where he can be alone and think.
--Marshall McLuhan

After registering for his high-school classes, my son burst into the house, filled with excitement. 'Dad,' he announced in one breath, 'I got all the classes I wanted. But I have to have my school supplies by tomorrow. I need a protractor and a compass for geometry, a dictionary for English, a dissecting kit for biology—and a car for driver's ed.'

--Jim Timmons

When I die, I want to die like my grandmother, who died peacefully in her sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in her car.

--Unknown

Traffic signals in New York are just rough guidelines.

--David Letterman

Americans will put up with anything provided it doesn't block traffic.

--Dan Rather

Now that women are jockeys, baseball umpires, atomic scientists, and business executives, maybe someday they can master parallel parking.

--Bill Vaughan

Any man who can drive safely while kissing a pretty girl is simply not giving the kiss the attention it deserves.

--Albert Einstein

Ever notice that anyone going slower than you is an idiot, but anyone going faster is a maniac?

--George Carlin

Please stop slamming on our brakes when you see a cop that has someone pulled over. Unless you are holding a severed head out of your window, he's too busy for you.

—Unknown

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the car.

'I'll make a deal with you,' said his father. 'You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut, and then we'll talk.'

A month later the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

'Son, I'm real proud of you. You've brought your grades up and you've studied your Bible, but you didn't get hair cut!'

'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair.'

'Yes son, and they walked everywhere they went!'

--Unknown

It's amazing how quickly the kids learn to drive a car, yet are unable to understand the lawnmower, snowblower, or vacuum cleaner.

--Ben Bergor

Always remember the last words of my grandfather, who said, 'A truck!'

--Emo Philips

I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

--Steven Wright

Don't drive as if you own the road; drive as if you own the car.

—Unknown

For most of human history, vehicles had automatic collision avoidance and could even take you home when you were sleeping or drunk. Then we got rid of the horse.

—Unknown

Future humans will look at videos of cars whizzing along expressways at 70 miles an hour and be horrified. 'Those deadly machines were operated by *civilians*?' they'll say. 'Including *teenagers*? That's insane.' Future humans will get around in cars controlled by Google, which will also own the roads and much of the solar system.

—Dave Barry

Life is too short for traffic.

—Dan Bellack

I don't always pass slow drivers. But when I do, I check to see if they look as stupid as they drive.

—Unknown

I feel as confident on my motorcycle as I do on my two feet. I call it my urban horse. The joy of motorcycling is real freedom and being in touch with the environment—the road circuits, the temperature, the wind, the smells. It's a wonderful sensory experience.

—Jeremy Irons

Why is driving so hard for some people? I mean it's like coloring. All you have to do is stay inside the freakin' lines.

—Ged Backland

My grandfather always told me that it is no good lying on a hospital bed saying, 'I had the right of way.'

—Nigel Mansell

Risk takers are accident makers.

— *Fire House Slogan*

Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?

—Robin Williams

American youth attributes much more importance to arriving at driver's license age than at voting age.

—Marshall McLuhan

It is estimated that one out of every two Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related accident in their lifetime.

--*Northern Illinois
Council on
Alcoholism &
Substance Abuse*

Regular naps prevent old age, especially if you take them while driving.

—Unknown

You booze, you cruise, you lose.
—Slogan

Drive Hammered. Get Slammered.
—Slogan

The problem with drinking and driving is ... The MOURNING after!
—Slogan

You can hand over your keys or your life. Make the right choice.
—Slogan

Allow life to thrive, don't drink and drive
—Slogan

Driving hammered will get you nailed
—Slogan

Don't drink and drive, and you'll stay alive.
—Slogan

Drink and drive and our officers will show you some new bars
—Slogan

Friends don't let friends drive drunk.
—Slogan

Under the influence, under arrest.
—Slogan

No one wants to see you black & blue or dead, so how about letting a sober friend
drive instead.
—Slogan

If everything comes your way, you are in the wrong lane.
—Slogan

No Belt. No Brains.
—Slogan

Behind the wheel, anger is one letter away from danger.

—Slogan

75 years ago only the rich had cars. Today, only the rich have 75 year-old cars.

—Andras Szieberth

It's strange to think 75 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today, everyone has a car and only the rich own horses.

—Andras Szieberth

Is fuel efficiency really what we need most desperately? I say that what we really need is a car that can be shot when it breaks down.

—Russell Baker

Cars should have two horns: one is a 'nice' one, the other is a 'mean' one.

—Stephen Lockyer

Too often I would hear men boast of the miles covered that day, rarely of what they had seen.

—Louis L'Amour

If I'd asked my customers what they wanted, they would have said a faster horse.

—Henry Ford

The automobile has long been a symbol of everything great and everything terrible about America. On the one hand: freedom, individualism, power, speed. The taming of millions of miles of varied wildernesses through roads, then highways, then interstates. The capacity of American industry—Pittsburgh's steel, Akron's rubber, Detroit's factories.

But on the other hand: gas-guzzling SUVs. Traffic and sprawl. The abandonment of mass transit. The suburb and then the exurb, with their undeniable ties to white flight and segregation. The decline of the Rust Belt, the near-collapse of the Big Three automakers during the Great Recession of 2008, and the slow death of American manufacturing and blue-collar work.

—Ian Bogost

Rich people are especially prone to an assortment of unethical behaviors, including lying, jumping turns at four-way stops, and cutting off pedestrians while driving.

--Paul Piff

94 percent of crashes involve some form of driver error or impairment immediately before impact.

— Santokh Singh

A survey of more than 2,000 adults suggests that they are just as likely as teens to have texted behind the wheel, and substantially more likely to have talked on their cellphone.

—*Pew Research Center*

Self-control is crucial in managing stress and aggression.

It is important for individuals to have a set of responses to cope with frustration. The most important advice is to remain patient in traffic congestion. You can gain a sense of control by realizing that people behave differently in different situations and that environmental factors may effect others to a greater or lesser degree than they effect you. Information about why a driver may be acting in a certain way will make their behavior more predictable to you, and you will be able to take action to avoid a confrontation, if necessary.

Drivers must pay more attention to their own levels of emotion.

Evidence suggests that drivers who allow their emotions to spiral out of control while driving are a much greater risk to themselves than to those around them. It is important not to try to alleviate aggressive emotion with an outburst. Research shows that this does not help to overcome the situation, and the risk of retaliation increases.

Several psychologists suggest a ‘cooling off’ period such as going for a walk or using relaxation techniques. Although many people, particularly men, go for a drive to ‘cool off’, it is not recommended. Any activity that is an attempt to ‘cool off’ must be distracting enough to interfere with the train of anger-inducing thought.

Avoid all conflict if possible.

If you are challenged, take a deep breath and get out of the way, even if you are in the right.

Finally, before reacting, think about the possible consequences of your actions.

Aggressive behavior behind the wheel could result in serious injury or even death to yourself or someone else. Don’t let an impulsive action ruin the rest of your life.

—*New York Governor’s
Traffic Safety
Committee*

People who report becoming angry while driving are more likely than others to behave recklessly on the road.

—Eric R. Dahlen and
Roy P. White

4 million of the nearly 11 million crashes that occur annually could potentially be avoided if distractions were eliminated.

—Thomas A. Dingus

Adults who played risk-glorifying video games like Grand Theft Auto as adolescents were more likely to have risky driving habits—and to get into accidents—later on.

—Jay G. Hull

Many people overestimate their driving capabilities thanks to a cognitive bias known as the illusion of control, which is predictive of dangerous driving behavior.

—Stephens and Ohtsuka

Driverless cars are looking better and better: They won't text with each other, or get angry. They won't play Grand Theft Auto in their off-hours. And they won't cut you off just for the hell of it. Even if they're BMWs.

—Jake Pelini

Studies show the average drunk driver has driven under the influence 200 times before being caught. That's why the term 'first offender' is misleading.

--*Northern Illinois
Council on
Alcoholism &
Substance Abuse*

Jellinek's disease (alcoholism) is responsible for:

- 50 percent of all auto fatalities
- 80 percent of all home violence
- 30 percent of all suicides
- 60 percent of all child abuse
- 65 percent of all drownings

It is estimated that when a woman contracts the disease, her husband leaves her in nine out of ten cases; when a man contracts it, his wife leaves in one out of ten cases.

--Kathleen Whalen
Fitzgerald

One reason why the courts don't handle more drunken driver cases is that the undertaker gets them first.

—Unknown

If you must drink and drive, drink Pepsi.

—Slogan

Only 18 percent of drivers use their high beams, even when no other vehicles are around.

—Selene Yeager

If you make a bad decision you're going to wind up at the police department. If your bad design caused injury, you're going to go to the Er, and if it's extremely significant you're going to wind up in the coroner's office.

—Brian Caldwell

When stopping for fast food, my decision on where to stop is strongly based on whether or not I have to turn left into the place.

—*theChive*

Frank Attkisson, a 61-year-old former Florida legislator, was riding his bicycle along a road south of Orlando when he was struck by a car and killed. His death in April highlighted the increase in fatal accidents among older Americans while walking or riding bikes.

Pedestrian deaths rose by 12 percent from 2006 to 2015, while bicycle deaths rose by 12 percent from 2014 to 2015, according to figures from the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*. 'Road fatalities are skyrocketing over the last few years,' said Jana Lynott, a senior policy adviser on transportation at AARP. 'Many of these fatalities are occurring in the same locations, which shows the importance of road design.'

—*AARP Bulletin*

Auto racing began 5 minutes after the second car was built.

—Henry Ford

Take it easy driving— the life you save may be mine.

—James Dean

Teenagers: the driving force behind fatal accidents.

—Bauvard

Men may or may not be better drivers than women, but they seem to die more often trying to prove that they are.

—Tom Vanderbilt

Personally, I refuse to drive a car - I won't have anything to do with any kind of transportation in which I can't read.

—Arthur C. Clarke

If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.

—Doug Larson

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 14-18 year olds in the U.S. In fact, almost half of the teen drivers involved in a crash die. Yet, a recent survey show that only 25% of parents have had a serious talk with their kids about the key components of driving. You are the parent, they are your children, and they still have a lot to learn. You can teach them and you may just help save their lives.

—*National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration*

When buying a used car, punch the buttons on the radio. If all the stations are rock and roll, there's a good chance the transmission is shot.

—Larry Lujack

Baseball is like driving, it's the one who gets home safely that counts.

—Tommy Lasorda

It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile, and one nut to scatter it all over the road.

—Unknown

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it.

—Dudley Moore

Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him.

—*Church Sign*

Drive now. Text later.

—Unknown

Road sense is the offspring of courtesy and the parent of safety.

—*Australian Traffic Rule*

The best way to keep children at home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant, and let the air out of the tires.

—Dorothy Parker

Safety is not a gadget but a state of mind.

—Eleanor Everet

‘Safety First’ is ‘Safety Always.’

—Charles M. Hayes

Better a thousand times careful than once dead.

—Proverb

Safety is a cheap and effective insurance policy.

—Unknown

Accidents hurt - safety doesn't.

—Unknown

You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen, it said ‘Parking Fine.’

—Tommy Cooper

People who could easily be mistaken as preteens just shouldn't even try to pull off the look-at-me-I'm-so-serious-and-mysterious-and-sexy look. Especially while driving because, please, you look like you are twelve and a half and driving with a serious look. Most kids who get the opportunity to drive illegally are smiling so big that they look dyslexic and about to piss their pants with excitement because they are in operation of a vehicle that isn't manufactured by PlayStation.

—Chase Brooks

She described to us six lanes' worth of unadulterated fear, populated exclusively by motorists whose driving education had been paid for by the blood of pedestrians.

—Jeff Deck

Take care of your car in the garage, and the car will take care of you on the road.

—Amit Kalantri

Asking someone else to drive your sports car is like asking someone else to kiss your girlfriend.

—Amit Kalantri

She had always been a fast driver, even before she could afford a fast car. It was impatience as much as anything: chafing at the fact that she couldn't actually do anything while driving—except drive.

—Chico Kidd

Faster is fatal, slower is safe.

—Amit Kalantri

Driving your car through deep pools of flood water is a great way of making your car unreliable. Smart people turn around and avoid it.

—Steven Magee

My late friend Graham Chapman, an idiosyncratic driver at the best of times, used to exploit the mutual incomprehension of British and U.S. driving habits by always carrying both British and California driver's licenses. Whenever he was stopped in the States, he would flash his British license, and vice versa. He would also mention that he was just on his way to the airport to leave the country, which he always found to be such welcome news that the police would breathe a sigh of relief and wave him on.

—Douglas Adams

No matter what sort of car you are driving or how fast you drive, we all meet behind the same red light.

—Moe Cidaly

'You're a rotten driver,' I protested. 'Either you ought to be more careful, or you oughtn't drive at all.'

'I am careful.'

'No you're not.'

'Well, other people are,' she said lightly.

'What's that got to do with it?'

'They'll keep out of my way,' she insisted. 'It takes two to make an accident.'

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

Vehicular Darwinism based on survival of the quickest.

—Raymond L. Atkins

I may add here that one of the secrets of my happy life is that I have never made the mistake of learning to drive a car. I have never lacked people, usually women, longing to drive me withersoever I wanted.

—Iris Murdoch

There's a difference between driving and texting. When you're driving your eyes have to be open and on the road watching the cars around you, road signs, and traffic lights. Along with your mind on the road and destination. Which means you are multitasking. When you're texting your eyes are on your cell phone screen and key pad. Along with your mind on what you're going to say next. So how can you do both? Please stop!

—Jonathan Anthony
Burkett

Google is working on self-driving cars, and they seem to work. People are so bad at driving cars that computers don't have to be that good to be much better. Any time you stand in line at the D.M.V. and look around, you're like, Oh, my God, I wish all these people were replaced by computer drivers.

—Marc Andreessen

Unwanted honking not only irritates others, but may also end up causing accidents. Drivers lose their cool and it may result in road rage.

—Rahul Dravid

Unfortunately, we don't educate drivers enough to be respectful on the road.

—Mario Andretti

I'm one of the slowest drivers on the road. I mosey along. If you're doing anything too fast, including living life too fast, that creates sudden death. If I have to be somewhere on time, I make sure I leave early enough.

—Anthony Hopkins

The independence once represented by the car has been replaced by cell phones and social networks, which are now at the forefront of people's expression of freedom and access. Once a symbol of 'coming of age,' many drivers are waiting longer to get their licenses.

—John Zimmer

If police officers routinely issue tickets for the most serious traffic offenses, they'll be treating drivers of all races, sexes, and ages equally.

—Bill Dedman

Many of us who have cars have felt some form of extreme anger at other drivers because we feel they have put us in harm's way. We might even envision ramming their cars or cutting them off in return, but do we actually do it? No, because the overwhelming majority of us never want to take another human life.

—Taya Kyle

Driving is not a constitutional right. You get your drivers license based on the skills you have and the rules you agree to follow. After you get your driving license you must continue to demonstrate your ability to drive safely on the road. If you fail to demonstrate this ability, you will be issued traffic tickets, or even have your license suspended or revoked. No one has more right to the road than anyone else. If you're going to drive, you owe it to the other roadway users and yourself to operate the vehicle in a safe manner.

—*driversed.com*

A motor vehicle is capable of causing extensive property damage, injury, and death. You should handle any vehicle you drive with extreme caution and attention to detail. Being in control of your vehicle requires you to be familiar with how it works, including its limitations. You need to maintain your car with oil changes and tune-ups on a regular basis.

—*driversed.com*

Consider these 2006 U.S. driving statistics:

- 42,642 people were killed in motor vehicle collisions a 2.0% decline from 2005 (43,510).
- An average of 117 persons died each day in motor vehicle collisions—one every 12 minutes.
- 3,490 15- to 20-year-old drivers were killed and an additional 272,000 were injured in motor vehicle collisions.
- There were 4,784 pedestrian deaths.
- 41% of all fatalities were alcohol-related.

—*National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration*

Drive slow and enjoy the scenery -- drive fast and join the scenery.

—Doug Horton

The civilized man has built a coach, but has lost the use of his feet.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1841)

Leave sooner, drive slower, live longer.

—Unknown

Every time I see an adult on a bicycle, I no longer despair for the future of the human race.

—H. G. Wells

Hug your kids at home, but belt them in the car.

—Slogan

Car sickness is the feeling you get when the monthly payment is due.

—Unknown

The longest journey begins with a single step, not with a turn of the ignition key.

—Edward Abbey

Restore human legs as a means of travel. Pedestrians rely on food for fuel and need no special parking facilities.

—Lewis Mumford

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

—Unknown

Consider the man on horseback, and I have been a man on horseback for most of my life. Well, mostly he is a good man, but there is a change in him as soon as he mounts. Every man on horseback is an arrogant man, however gentle he may be on foot. The man in the automobile is one thousand times as dangerous. I tell you, it will engender absolute selfishness in mankind if the driving of automobiles becomes common. It will breed violence on a scale never seen before. It will mark the end of the family as we know it, the three or four generations living happily in one home. It will destroy the sense of neighborhood and the true sense of Nation. It will create giantized cankers of cities, false opulence of suburbs, ruined countryside, and unhealthy conglomerations of specialized farming and manufacturing. It will make every man a tyrant.

—R. A. Lafferty
(1914 –2002)

No one should be able to enter a wilderness by mechanical means.

—Garrett Hardin

Our national flower is the concrete cloverleaf.

—Lewis Mumford

The shortest distance between two points is under construction.

—Noelie Altito

Road rage is the expression of the amateur sociopath in all of us, cured by running into a professional.

—Robert Brault

Driving a brand new car feels like riding around in an open billfold with the dollars flapping by your ears as they fly out the window.

—Terri Guillemets

A real patriot is the fellow who gets a parking ticket and rejoices that the system works.

—Bill Vaughan

I'm all about sharing the road with other drivers—as long as they use the part that's behind me.

—Unknown

Each year it seems to take less time to fly across the ocean and longer to drive to work.

—Unknown

It helps if you don't see it as traffic but rather as thousands of individuals resolved to press on another day.

—Robert Brault

The elderly don't drive that badly; they're just the only ones with time to do the speed limit.

—Jason Love

Making a left turn in L.A. is one of the harder things you're going to learn in life.

—Lawrence Kasdan and
Meg Kasdan

I represent what is left of a vanishing race, and that is the pedestrian.... That I am still able to be here, I owe to a keen eye and a nimble pair of legs. But I know they'll get me someday.

—Will Rogers

If everything comes your way, you are in the wrong lane.

—Unknown

Most of American life consists of driving somewhere and then returning home, wondering why the hell you went.

—John Updike

A driver is a king on a vinyl bucket-seat throne, changing direction with the turn of a wheel, changing the climate with a flick of the button, changing the music with the switch of a dial.

—Andrew Malcolm

Recklessness is a species of crime and should be so regarded on our streets and highways.

—Marlen E. Pew

Automobiling is a joy, sublime,
If you've enough gas and your tires are fine!

—Gertrude Tooley
Buckingham

All in favor of conserving gasoline, please raise your right foot.

—Unknown

Everything in life is somewhere else, and you get there in a car.

—E.B. White

The greater part of my official time is spent on investigating collisions between propelled vehicles, each on its own side of the road, each sounding its horn, and each stationary.

—Edward F. Murphy

Take most people, they're crazy about cars. They worry if they get a little scratch on them, and they're always talking about how many miles they get to a gallon, and if they get a brand-new car already they start thinking about trading it in for one that's even newer. I don't even like old cars. I mean they don't even interest me. I'd rather have a goddam horse. A horse is at least human, for God's sake.

—J. D. Salinger

And I, I took the road less traveled by. I was using a GPS system.

—Robert Brault

No other man-made device since the shields and lances of the knights quite fulfills a man's ego like an automobile.

—William Rootes

Speed Limit – A sign that tells you at what speed the car that's rapidly fading from view in your rearview mirror is going; a law that provides the sole means of support for many small-town police departments.

—Richard E. Turner

Eighty percent of the people of Britain want more money spent on public transport — in order that other people will travel on the buses so that there is more room for them to drive their cars.

—John Selwyn Gummer

[T]hey both knew that the basis of her invariable reluctance about new cars was not thrift but sentiment. She simply could not endure the moment when the old one was driven away.

As for cars, they were in a class apart, somewhere between furniture and dogs. It wasn't, with her, a question of the pathetic fallacy. She did not pretend to herself that cars had souls or even minds (though anybody, seeing the difference that can exist between one mass-produced car and another, might be excused for believing that they have at least some embryonic form of temperament). No, it was simply a matter of *mise en scène*. A car, nowadays, was such an integral part of one's life, provided the aural and visual accompaniment to so many of one's thoughts, feelings, conversations, decisions, that it had acquired at least the status of a room in one's house. To part from it, whatever its faults, was to lose a familiar piece of background.

—Jan Struther

It finally happened. I got the GPS lady so confused, she said, 'In one-quarter mile, make a legal stop and ask directions.'

—Robert Brault

Walking isn't a lost art — one must, by some means, get to the garage.

—Evan Esar

We are not proving ourselves spiritually worthy of our material progress. We have not been neighborly, courteous, and kind upon the highway. Our lack of decency toward our fellow men is a definite black mark against us.

—Cary T. Grayson

Yes, Officer, I did see the speed limit sign. I just didn't see you.

—Unknown

Two-hundred forty horsepower isn't enough to move me anymore. Enough to move my body, yes, but not my soul.

—S. A. Sachs

On the other hand, the Bible contains much that is relevant today, like Noah taking 40 days to find a place to park.

—Curtis McDougall

I'm not sure... about automobiles.... With all their speed forward they may be a step backward in civilization — that is, in spiritual civilization. It may be that they will not add to the beauty of the world, nor to the life of men's souls. I am not sure. But automobiles have come, and they bring a greater change in our life than most of us suspect. They are here, and almost all outward things are going to be different because of what they bring. They are going to alter war, and they are going to alter peace. I think men's minds are going to be changed in subtle ways because of automobiles; just how, though, I could hardly guess. But you can't have the immense outward changes that they will cause without some inward ones, and it may be that... the spiritual alteration will be bad for us. Perhaps, ten or twenty years from now, if we can see the inward change in men by that time, I shouldn't be able to defend the gasoline engine, but would have to agree... that automobiles 'had no business to be invented.'

—Booth Tarkington

No person should suffer the tragedy of losing someone as a result of drunk, drugged, or distracted driving, but for far too long the danger of impaired driving has robbed people of the comfort of knowing that when they or a loved one leaves home they will return safely. Impaired driving puts drivers, passengers, and pedestrians at risk, and each year it claims the lives of thousands of Americans. During *National Impaired Driving Prevention Month*, we recommit to preventing these incidents by acting responsibly and by promoting responsible behavior in those around us. Together, we can enhance public safety and work to ensure a happy, healthy life for all our people.... let us pledge to always drive sober and alert and to avoid distractions behind the wheel.

—Barack Obama

How is education supposed to make me feel smarter? Besides, every time I learn something new, it pushes some old stuff out of my brain. Remember when I took that home winemaking course, and I forgot how to drive?

—Homer Simpson

Texting while driving results in longer response times than even drunken driving. While an unimpaired driver can respond quickly to changes in traffic and begin braking within half a second, a legally drunk driver needs four additional feet to begin braking—and a driver who's texting needs 70.

—*Virginia Tech
Transportation
Institute*

Talking on a cell phone distracts motorists as much as having a blood alcohol level of .08%, and it's shockingly common. Some studies report that as many as 10% of drivers on the road are talking on their phones at any given moment. If your state has yet to ban cell phone use while driving, it's likely that it will in the near future.

—*Center for Auto Safety
and Public Citizen*

Education is important, but we're to the point where almost everyone knows they shouldn't drink and drive. The people who are still doing it are choosing to do it. The most effective way to deal with them is to arrest them.

—David Kelly

I'd rather be woken up at 4 a.m. and hear 'I need a ride' than wake up at 4 a.m. and hear my friends are dead 'cause they wanted to drink and drive.

—Internet Meme

If you're driving down the highway in the middle of the night and you see a sign that says Bridge Out, pray for some intellectual understanding of that message, or you're going to have an experience you'll never forget.

—Dag Hammarskjöld

There are two things no man will admit he cannot do well—drive and make love.

--Stirling Moss

More comfortable in their bedrooms than in a car or at a party, today's teens are physically safer than teens have ever been. They're markedly less likely to get into a car accident and, having less of a taste for alcohol than their predecessors, less susceptible to drinking's attendant ills.

Psychologically, however, they are more vulnerable than Millennials were; rates of teen depression and suicide have skyrocketed since 2011. It's not an exaggeration to describe iGen as being on the brink of the worst mental health crisis in decades.

Much of this deterioration can be traced to their phones.

—Jean M. Twenge

Nearly all Boomer high-school students have their driver's license by the spring of their senior year; more than one in four teens today still lack one at the end of high school. For some, Mom and Dad are such good chauffeurs that there's no urgent need to drive. 'My parents drove me everywhere and never complained, so I always had rides,' a 21-year-old student in San Diego told me. I didn't get my license until my mom told me I had to because she could not keep driving me to school. She finally got her license six months after her 18th birthday. In conversation after conversation, teens described getting their license as something to be nagged into by their parents — a notion that would have been unthinkable in previous generations.

—Jean M. Twenge

All the evils of America are on display during a single commute, where people in vehicles feel the freedom and the power to be the worst people they can be. Most of the ill will is generated from selfishness, a sense of entitlement and a complete lack of empathy for any other person.

—Burt Constable

Cellphones...are unsafe at any speed. We've gotten accustomed to delivering a polite 'beep beep' at every intersection as the traffic signal turns green to jar a driver ahead of us from his cellphone stupor. But we've also seen drivers cross the line into our lane on the expressway while buzzing along at 70 mph. A honk generally moves the guilty driver's eyes from the screen to the road for a second, or just long enough to save some lives.

—Burt Constable

I probably should never have been there anyway, and it served me right when the two alert police officers fired up their siren, pulled me over, and pointed out that my car's registration had expired. I had not realized this, and as you can imagine I felt like quite the renegade outlaw as one of the officers painstakingly wrote out my ticket, standing well to the side of the road so as to avoid getting hit by the steady stream of passing unlicensed and uninsured motorists driving their stolen cars with their left hands so that their right hands would be free to keep their pit bulls from spilling their cocaine all over their machine guns. Not that I am bitter.

—Dave Barry

If you ever find yourself on a path that just doesn't feel safe anymore, you have every right to stop the car. Get out—change your shoes and start walking.

--Jennifer Elisabeth

It's better to crash into a nap than to nap into a crash.

—Slogan

Last spring, a 23-year-old woman was driving her car through the Ontario town of Tobermorey. It was unfamiliar territory for her, so she was dutifully following her GPS. Indeed, she was so intent on following the device that she didn't notice that her car was headed straight for Georgian Bay—so she drove down a boat launch and straight into the frigid water. She thankfully managed to climb out and swim to shore, as her bright red Yaris sank beneath the waves.

Accidents like this have become weirdly common. In Manhattan, one man followed his GPS into a park, where his car got stuck on a staircase. And in Europe, a 67-year-old Belgian woman was led remarkably astray by her GPS, turning what was supposed to be a 90-mile drive to Brussels into a day-long voyage into Germany and beyond. Amazingly, she just patiently followed the computer's instructions, instead of relying on her own common sense, until she noticed the street signs were in Croatian.

You can laugh, but many of us have stopped paying attention to the world around us because we are too intent on following directions. Some observers worry that this represents a new and dangerous shift in our style of navigation.

—Clive Thompson

Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
Accidents in the back seat cause...kids.

—*seniorresource.com*

Everyone drives so fast today! You're risking life and limb if you just happen to pull onto the freeway in front of them. All I can say is, their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror.

—Bev Berger

The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers.

—Dave Barry

What would we do if a plane crashed today and 100 people died? What would we do if it happened again tomorrow? And the next day? We'd ground air traffic. We wouldn't live with that. It's been going on every day on our nation's roadways for the last 40, 50, 60 years.

—David Teater

I learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers follow me there.

—*seniorresource.com*

The automobile has brought death, injury and the most inestimable sorrow and deprivation to millions of people.

—Ralph Nader

Unavoidable accidents are so rare that we can almost say there are none.

--*National Safety Council*

- A fugitive from the laws of averages: A person who doesn't wear their helmet while driving a motorcycle.
- A fugitive from the laws of averages--that's you if you drink and drive.
- Anger is one letter away from Danger. Drive gently.
- Better late in this world than early to the next.
- Be alert--accidents hurt.
- Be alert, be aware, be alive.
- Behind the wheel, anger is one letter away from danger.
- Better to arrive late than never. Drive carefully!
- Caution--I Brake For Stop Signs.
- Chance takers are accident makers.
- Don't be safety blinded, be safety minded.
- Don't lose your head: Read signs instead.
- Double check to prevent a wreck.
- Drinking and driving - There are stupider things, but it's a very short list.
- Drive for safety.
- Drive like people out there are trying to kill you, because they are!
- DRIVE Safety - Don't Risk Injury, Value Everyone's Safety
- 'Hey, wanna see something cool?' (Last words uttered before a mishap)
- If the little voice says, 'I wonder if this is safe to do?', it probably isn't.
- Ignoring a warning can cause much mourning.
- It's better to crash into a nap... than to nap into a crash.
- It's better to lose one minute in life... than to lose life in a minute.
- Make safety first and you'll last.
- Never check a gas tank with a lighted flare.
- Pretend like you are invisible when driving a motorcycle or bicycle, because a small percentage of people driving cars will never see you.
- Slow down! Your family will be waiting for you.
- The price of an accident is always high.
- We all want to go home to our families at the end of the day.

—*Naval Safety Center*

Cop: You were going fast.
Me: I was just trying to keep up with traffic.
Cop: There isn't any.
Me: I know! That's how far behind I am.

—Internet Meme

I've personally met up with quite a few legless, armless and other badly messed-up folks. There's a whole lot of mighty serious accident contemplation going on in our hospitals. My observations have taught me that it is much better to think about accidents before they happen than to brood on them afterward. ... Personally, I'd rather be late for dinner tonight here than to be on time for breakfast in the next world in the morning. Haste makes waste of a lot of good human material.

—Irvin S. Cobb

BE CAREFUL, OR BE ROADKILL!

--Bill Watterson

When a man meets catastrophe on the road, he looks in his purse, but a woman looks in her mirror.

—Margaret Turnbull

Researchers visited an ER to interview 955 patients involved in traffic accidents. The majority of them reported having daydreamed just before the crash; more than 10 percent considered the daydream's content 'highly disrupting/distracting.'

—Jake Pelini

The *State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company*, of Bloomington, Illinois, has a terrific jolt in store for complacent male drivers who explain every mishap on the open road with a condescending, 'I'll bet there was a woman at the wheel!'

Vice-President Tom Morrill writes me, 'In the past three years, housewives have ranked 28th best in a list of 64 occupational classes in the safe handling of private passenger cars—and we have the statistics to prove it.'

Morrill pours salt into male wounds by adding that auto salesman trail in 32nd place, doctors in 39th, truck drivers in 43rd, lawyers in 50th, the clergy (whose minds obviously are on higher things) in 55th, and traveling salesmen and students near the end of the pack in 61st and 62nd places respectively.

—Bennett Cerf

She's been around, it's evident
From all those stickers showing,
But due to flaunting where she's been,
She can't see where she's going!

—Charles Mabie

Signs designed for motorists:

In New Jersey: 'Crossroads 200 yards ahead. Better humor it.'

In Connecticut: 'Give our children a brake.'

At the bottom of a precipitous hill in West Virginia: 'Resume breathing.'

On the back of a massive furniture van: 'Watch my rear, not hers.'

—Bennett Cerf

I bought a new Japanese car. I turned on the radio...I don't understand a word they're saying.

--Rodney Dangerfield

More than 4,000 people died in car crashes in the United States in 1913, the same year that Model T's started to roll off Henry Ford's assembly line. The nation's roads weren't built for vehicles that could speed along at 40 miles an hour, and when those unforgiving machines met at a crowded intersection, there was confusion and, often, collision. Though police officers stood in the center of many of the most dangerous crossroads blowing whistles and waving their arms, few drivers paid attention.

—Megan Kate Nelson

I bet a funny thing about driving a car off a cliff is, while you're in midair, you still hit those brakes. Hey, better try the emergency brake.

—Jack Handey

Rate My Professor is really something.

For Credit: N/A

Textbook Used: No

Grade Received: NA

Attendance: N/A

Would Take Again: N/A

I never wore my seatbelt while driving to school because I wanted to die before making it to his class.

—*theChive*

Don't call me when you're stuck in traffic. It's not my fault that radio sucks and did it ever occur to you that there wouldn't be so much traffic if people like you put down the phone and concentrated on the road....besides I can't talk now, I'm in the car behind you trying to watch a DVD.

--Bill Maher

A motorist was a hundred yards from an open railway crossing tearing along at sixty miles an hour. A train, coming down the track at the same speed, was an equal distance from the intersection.

Problem: Did the motorist get across?

Solution: Yes, the motorist got a cross all right—a beautiful marble cross purchased by his widow from his insurance money.

—Bennett Cerf

A motorist is a man who, after seeing a serious wreck, drives carefully for several blocks.

—Jane Pickens

One way to stop these traffic jams would be to allow on the streets only the automobiles that had been paid for.

—Will Rogers

When you arrive at a fork in the road, take it.

—Yogi Berra

The best advice is to take it easy, respect speed limits and do not try to make up time lost in the tailbacks on the open road.

—Emma Caulfield

Driving tests should have a portion where a kid in the backseat just pummels you with rapid-fire questions while you try to merge.

—Internet Meme

A car's weakest part is the nut holding the steering wheel.

—Internet Meme

It's a special kind of gratification when the slow car you're stuck behind turns away, and you speed up to show the people behind you that you weren't the one clogging up traffic.

—Internet Meme

Driver: 'What am I supposed to do with this speeding ticket?'

Officer: 'Keep it, when you collect four of them, you get a bicycle.'

—Internet Meme

Why do young men drive recklessly, get involved in violent arguments and hack confidential Internet sites? Because they are following ancient genetic decrees that might be useless and even counterproductive today, but that made good evolutionary sense 70,000 years ago. A young hunter who risked his life chasing a mammoth outshone all his competitors and won the hand of the local beauty; and we are now stuck with his macho genes.

—Yuval Noah Harari

Skip the urge to respond to a road rage invitation. I find that my days are far more smooth and pleasant when I don't give someone the leverage to annoy or stress me. Just smile, giggle to yourself, or wave 'hi' with a wag of your pinky finger, if you must. But then the incident is over, and no stress or annoyance remains, at least not in my car. The self-centered driver has the negative attitude. Don't let someone else's poor behavior choices become contagious.

—Cathy Burnham
Martin

If the police catch someone using their mobile phone whilst driving they should have the right to confiscate the person's license with immediate effect, AND confiscate their car keys so they have to walk home. I don't care if they're 200 or 400 miles from home, take their keys off them.

And no need to waste the court's time over this one. They don't go to court. The police should have the power to write out a year's driving ban on the spot and force them to surrender their license.

Anyone got any arguments over this one?

—Karl Wiggins

The Lord moves in mysterious ways but you don't have to. Please use your blinker.

—Anglican Catholic
Church Memes

Renting a Car: Connecting your phone to the onboard electronics in a rental car could be risky. Anyone who used the car afterward may be able to go through the car's menus and see what calls you made, and they may even be able to find out your contact list.

—Ray Klump

E-ZPass and other toll transponders create a log of your locations. Also, speed or red-light cameras at key locations snap license plate numbers along with the date, time and location. And some auto insurance companies may want to track your driving with a device installed in your car that transmits data.

—Lance Whitney

America's highways, roads, bridges, are an indispensable part of our lives. They link one end of our nation to the other. We use them each and every day, for every conceivable purpose.

—Christopher Dodd

'I didn't see him' is an admission of guilt, NOT an excuse! You have one job. Pay attention to what's in front of your car.

—*American Bicycling
Education
Association*

If you're lucky, your car will go its entire life without touching another car.

—Internet Meme

When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God.' However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

—Church Poster

Drivers ignoring winter conditions may be subject to natural selection.

—Road Sign

A study at *Wayne State University* found that older drivers are much worse than younger drivers when texting while driving. During a test, almost 40 percent of those 25 to 34 wandered out of their lanes while texting. Among people 45 to 59, the incidence was 100 percent.

—Mike Zimmerman

Sam: Are you surprised you failed your driving test?

Pam: Yeah, but my instructor said I should've seen the signs.

—*AARP Bulletin*

My grandad doesn't use his blinker because 'it's no ones's business where he's going.'

—Cadie Cowell

My favorite road sign is 'Falling Rocks.' What exactly am I supposed to do with that information? They may as well have a sign saying 'Random accidents ahead. Life's a lottery. Be lucky.'

—*theChive*

Call me childish but beating the GPS time is an extreme sport for me.

—Internet Meme

There is a 16% increase in car accidents on the first Monday after daylight savings....year-round daylight savings could reduce vehicle fatalities by 195 deaths per year.

—*theChive*

I was standing outside the car, staring at the dashboard and its, to me, complicated dials, when I noticed to my horror that one of them registered 1560. I pointed a shaking finger at it and said to the mechanic, 'That dial shouldn't be registering as high as all that, should it?'...'That's your radio dial, Mac,' he said. 'You got her set at WQXR.'

—James Thurber

Anything that takes the driver's eyes off the roadway, hands off the steering wheel or thoughts off the task at hand is a driving distraction.

Commit to not using your cellphone while in the driver's seat. Adjust seat position, radio, temperature control and navigational system before leaving the driveway. Confirm all passengers are properly buckled. Pets should be in a crate. Organize food, drinks, tolls and other items you might need to access during the trip. Fully engaged motorists are ready to react when unexpected weather, traffic or roadway situations arise.

Make safe driving your top priority. Everything else can wait.

—Kevin J. Martin

The leading cause of death among teenagers is road traffic accidents, and in this regard, even the slightest dose of insufficient sleep can have marked consequences, as we have discussed. When the *Mahotomedi School District* of Minnesota pushed their school start time from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m., there was a 60 percent reduction in traffic accidents in drivers sixteen to eighteen years of age.

—Matthew Walker

I don't drive fast, I drive YOUNG.

—Musawir Masood

Driving: The only good reason not to call your mother.

—*theChive*

Without question, the most overrated invention has to be the car alarm. Has anyone ever rushed to a scene upon hearing its klaxons? I rest my case.

—Anne Wells

As we age, our reflexes may not be as quick, our bodies not as flexible, and our vision and distance perception not as keen—all making driving more challenging. As long as you're still a safe driver, though, you needn't give up the car keys. But consider a few options: Drive less at night, in heavy traffic or in bad weather. Slow down a bit. Check your medications. If any warn, 'Do not operate heavy machinery while taking this drug,' know that a car is heavy machinery! And finally, take a driver safety course...which can help you hone your safety skills and be more aware of your limitations.

—Carol Levine

(100 miles from exit)

Wife: You need to get in the right lane.

—*theChive*

I'm really feeling my age. I've had a heart bypass, a hip replacement, my eyes are bad, I'm going deaf, I've got bad circulation, I can't feel my feet any more, I get dizzy spells & I can't remember how old I am. Thank God I've still got my driving license.

—Internet Meme

As automobiles became more common at the turn of the 20th century, safety proponent William Phelps Eno wrote the world's very first traffic code, adopted by New York City in the early 1900s. For the first decade or so of the automobile era, many cars had the steering wheel on the right-hand side. Historians believe that's because it was easier for drivers to keep an eye on ditches and the sides of narrow bridges they might be crossing, says Roger White, curator of road transportation at the National Museum of American History. That changed with the Ford Model T, which moved the steering wheel to the left. The 1909 brochure cited two benefits: letting a passenger exit at the curb and giving the driver a better view of oncoming traffic. Other automakers were inspired to follow suit when the Model T quickly became the best-selling car of the era.

—Anna Diamond

Sorry I'm late. Traffic is exactly how it's been every day for the past 5 years, and I was not expecting that.

—Karen Kilgariff

Everyone who hates speeding tickets...raise your right foot.

—Internet Meme

About 1,000 people gathered at high noon on March 11, 1970, on the grassy quad at the center of the Ann Arbor campus to watch the blue-and-white clunker face changes of 'murder of the American public, crossing state lines to pollute, inciting traffic jams, creating physical and psychological dependence, and discriminating against the poor.... In 1970, levels of common air pollutants were about 73 percent higher than they are today, and the automobile was the main culprit.

—Kate Wheeling

Between 1970 and 2018, the total number of miles that Americans drove rose by 177%.

—Emilio Leanza

The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

—*www.mabcnyc.org*

Before you marry someone, you should ride with them while they're driving in rush-hour traffic and find out who they really are!

—Internet Meme

Just failed my driving test. When the examiner asked me 'What sign would you expect to see down a narrow country road?' Apparently 'fresh eggs for sale' wasn't the answer.

—Internet Meme

To live long and well, research shows you should eat healthy food, exercise regularly...and drive safely....accidents (of all sorts) were the number three cause of death in the United States, after heart disease and cancer. And yes, many of them were care-related: More than 20 Americans 65 or older, on average, were killed in traffic accidents each day during 2018, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Almost 700 a day required emergency room treatment.

—Jenna Gyimesi

Flexibility: New cars have safety features to help detect what's behind or next to you, but that doesn't fully replace the need to use your eyes. Backup cameras can't cover the entire back of your car and don't keep the right proportions on distance. Using only mirrors also creates a problem with judging distance. If you can't fully turn around to see out the back window, this could be a problem.

—Jenna Gyimesi

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

—Internet Meme

Drivers average one accident every 16.6 years. Causing two or more in five years is a reason for concern.

—Jenna Gyimesi

Traffic jams are a perfect storm for heart disease risk, so much so that simply sitting in traffic can increase the chance of a heart attack in people already at risk, one study showed. Traffic hurts the heart in three ways. First, a traffic jam raises your stress level, your body's inflammation levels and your blood pressure....Second, more time behind the wheel means more time being sedentary. One study found that individuals with a 30-mile round-trip commute were more likely to be obese and have a larger waist. Both issues are linked to heart disease. According to another study, men who report spending 10 or more hours a week in a car had an 82 percent higher risk of dying from CVD.

—Nicole Pajer

Traffic is...a significant source of air pollution, which has been shown to increase blood pressure, lower oxygen levels in your blood and provoke inflammation....Studies indicate that even low concentrations of fine particulate matter in the air can increase the risk of cardiac arrest, and long-term exposure can age blood vessels prematurely and lead to a faster calcium buildup in the coronary arteries.

—Nicole Pajer

If traffic is a risk to your health, you need a plan. Maybe it's finding an alternate route or adjusting your work hours so you're commuting when the roads are less crowded. When you're driving in traffic, roll up your windows and recirculate your AC, to protect against both air and noise pollution.

—Nicole Pajer

You can tell a lot about a country by the way people drive. Getting someone behind the wheel of a car is like putting them into deep hypnosis; their true self comes out.

—Eric Weiner

If you have the right of way, take it. It makes driving more predictable and therefore causes fewer accidents.

—*theChive*

5-year-old me falling asleep in the car and waking up in my home's bed.
20-year-old me falling asleep in the car and waking up in the hospital's bed.

—Internet Meme

Cop pulled me over and said, 'Do you know the speed limit's 55 miles per hour?'
I said, 'Yeah, but I wasn't planning to be out that long.'

—Steven Wright

If you hate your parents, the man or the establishment, don't show them up by getting wasted and wrapping your car around a tree. If you really want to rebel against your parents, out-learn them, outlive them, and know more than they do.

—Henry Rollins

In 1895, the entire state of Ohio had only 2 cars. Both cars managed to still crash into each other.

—Internet Meme

There are 700,000 crashes at stop-sign intersections in the United States annually.

—Aman Dhiman (2021)

If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the content of the battery.

—Internet Meme

By sales and acclamation, history and mythology, the pickup truck is the most popular vehicle in America and has been for decades....More than three million pickup trucks were sold in the United States last year. Farm trucks, ranch trucks, city trucks, country trucks. Trucks put to every purpose—or no purpose at all: hot rod trucks and monster trucks, stadium racers and salt flats streamliners. Lately it seems they're sold into spotless suburban driveways and carry nothing heavier in the cargo bed than a yoga mat.

—Jeff MacGregor (2021)

A car is just a moving, giant handbag! You never have actually to carry groceries, or dry cleaning, or anything! You can have five pairs of shoes with you at all times!

—Cynthia Heimel

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