

4 Of The Most Dangerous Drivers & How To Avoid An Accident With Them

1. Drivers Distracted By Texting Or Talking On The Phone

Using a cell phone while driving will make you 4 times as likely to crash, while texting and driving will make you 23 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO CRASH!

These drivers are not fully present or engaged with the road and traffic around them.

This means they'll be swerving slightly into other lanes, not maintaining their speed, and possibly speeding.

The best thing you can do is put some distance between you and them.

Keep a couple of cars back if you can, or simply take another route to your destination.

Half of the job of being a safe driver is using whatever options you have to put yourself in a safe situation.

2. Drivers Who are Speeding & Driving Recklessly

Here in Oxford, we've got LOTS of drivers who like to prove their self-worth by their ability to weave into and out of traffic without getting pulled over or getting slowed down by other vehicles.

It can be exciting and thrilling to enjoy the fast lane, but it's an enormous risk to other drivers.

The safest thing you can do is try and avoid these drivers and maintain a safe operation of your vehicle. Do not engage risky or raging drivers, or try to make a point.

It could aggravate these drivers and make them even more likely to perform some other risky driving behavior.

You'll be "winning" in a way that you're guaranteed to not get in a wreck.

And if they ride your bumper, carefully slow down or change lanes and let them take the opportunity to pass you.

It's much better to get them out of your area, than to get into a standoff with them.

The cost of speeding accidents is around 28 BILLION per year, and over 30% of all fatal crashes are due to this behavior.

3. Drivers Impaired By Alcohol Or Controlled substances

Spotting a drunk driver isn't as easy as you think, and it's why the police have special units of officers in charge of doing just that.

However there are a few signs you can pick up on while driving, like a driver running over curbs, they don't drive off relatively soon after the lights have changed, not staying in their driving lane and crossing the white lines, they'll drive pretty slow, or they'll just drive erratically.

The hard part is that this can be the signs of a distracted driver too!

Of course use your best judgement. If these signs are happening late at night, then that driver may be a little tipsy.

In the most extreme situations, the best thing you can do is let them gain some distance from you, or pull off the side of the road if you can and call the police.

4. Drivers Who are Young

Some of the principal errors that teenagers make while driving include failure to:

- maintain attention and avoid distractions, including electronic devices in the car
- search ahead, such as before left turns
- search to the side, such as when yielding the right of way at an intersection
- search to the rear, such as when changing lanes
- adjust speed in response to traffic or road conditions
- maintain safe distance between their own and other vehicles, such as correct following distance
- respond correctly to emergencies, such as recovering from a skid or sudden swerve
- maintain basic control of the vehicle, such as keeping within a lane, braking, and turning smoothly
- respond to traffic controls, such as traffic lights or guidance about lane use
- avoid driving while impaired by alcohol or sleepiness or driving a vehicle that needs repair.

While researching this article, it was very unfortunate to read about all the cases where a young person's life was cut short due to some of these driving habits.

You don't have to be a psychologist to know that the freedom that comes with driving is overwhelming and often inflates their young egos, although not all young people are the same.

Many of the troublesome ones may have an antagonistic stance towards anyone who gets in their way as their whole lives will have been one with strict rules and discipline.

The power that comes with any car will often inspire them to make bad judgements about road conditions.

While you don't want to profile everyone you come across on the road, you do want to use common sense and be a defensive driver.

Many of the driving tips we just mentioned will help you handle this group in an appropriate way.