



Short Safety Subject

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Ten Most Common Driving Errors

The top 10 driving errors, in order of frequency are:

1. Improper lookout, such as pulling into a street from an intersecting alley, street, or driveway without looking carefully for oncoming traffic.
2. Pulling out to pass without checking for traffic in the passing lane.
3. Pulling out of a parking space without looking back for oncoming cars.
4. Excessive speed.
5. Inattention.
6. Improper evasive action, such as no attempt to steer around an impending crash or an attempt to steer that was unsuccessful because brakes were slammed and the front wheels locked.
7. Internal distraction, such as a crying baby, fighting children, or adjusting the radio or tape player.
8. Inadequate defensive driving techniques. Sometimes following the rule of the road isn't enough.
9. Unjustified assumption, such as: Turning across two lanes of oncoming traffic, and assuming traffic is not coming in one lane when a driver makes way for you in the other; assuming an oncoming vehicle with turn signals on will turn before it reaches you; assuming another vehicle is required to stop or yield at an intersection when it is not; assuming another driver will stop or yield at an intersection when it is not; assuming another driver will stop or yield even though he or she does not have a sign.
10. Improper maneuvering or driving the wrong way on a one-way street; turning from the wrong lane or proceeding straight in a turn lane and overcompensating, accelerating, braking too fast, or turning too quickly.

Are these the driving errors you see most frequently? Do you know how to react when you see them?