

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

**Choose to be Safe.
Every Trip.
Every Time.**

WHAT WERE YOU DOING BETWEEN 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM?

During the morning rush hours, you probably got up, brushed your teeth, got ready for work or school, and grabbed some breakfast, and drove to work or school.



EVERY MORNING RUSH HOUR, ON AVERAGE, DRIVERS



Kill 16 people.



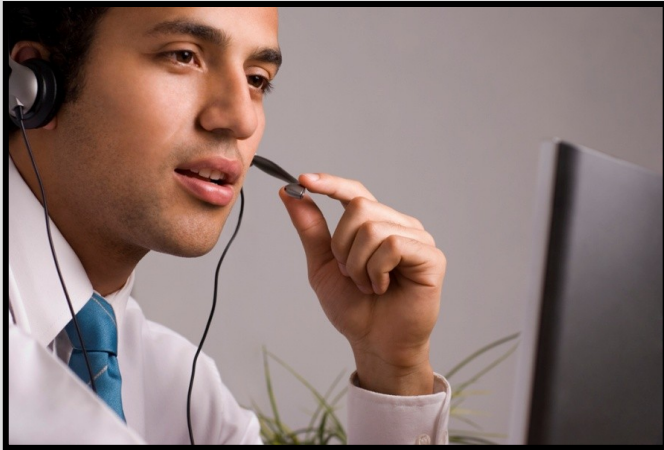
**Cost themselves &
other drivers \$
27,000,000.**



Cause 1,500 serious crashes.

WHAT WERE YOU DOING BETWEEN 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM?

You may have been finishing your day, getting ready to go home, or picking up family from school or work.



EVERY EVENING RUSH HOUR, ON AVERAGE, DRIVERS



Cause 1,500 serious crashes.



Cost themselves &
other drivers \$

27,000,000.



Kill 16 people.

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WHY AM I HERE?

**You have accumulated 5 points or more under the
Maryland points system,**

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**You have received a moving violation conviction while
holding a provisional license or learner's permit,**

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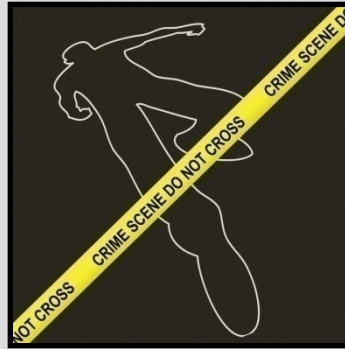
You may have been ordered to attend by the court system

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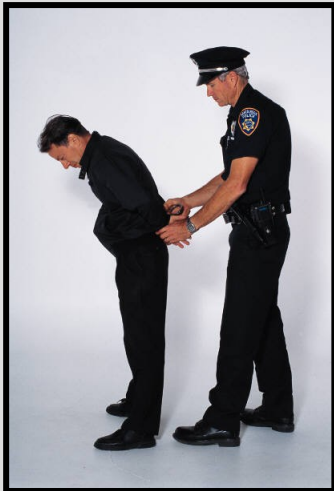
**If you fail to complete this class, you will lose your
DRIVING PRIVILEGE TEMPORARILY,**

BUT

If you don't change the way you are driving...



YOU MAY KILL SOMEONE.



OBJECTIVES FOR DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- ▶ Define points and laws pertaining to your driving record.
- ▶ Describe unsafe or hazardous driving behaviors.
- ▶ Define safe driving.
- ▶ Evaluate your own driving habits to see how you can improve.
- ▶ Choose to be safe every time every trip



YOUR MARYLAND DRIVING RECORD

What is my Maryland driving record?

What does my Maryland driving record mean?

Why is it important?



ARE YOU HERE BECAUSE OF POINTS ON YOUR RECORD?

**WHAT IS MY
DRIVING RECORD?**

Your driving record is a list of everything you have done when driving:

**Any convictions,
Any suspensions,
Any DUI/DWI
related offenses
including refusal to
submit a sobriety
test,**

**Any revocations,
and**

**A list of all points
you have
accumulated
through
convictions.**

WHAT ARE POINTS?

Points are the MDOT MVA's way of keeping track of your driving offenses and indicating how severe your offense is.

For example:

- ▶ **Speeding 1-9 mph over the limit** **1 points**
- ▶ **Speeding 10 mph or more over the limit** **2 points**
- ▶ **Following too closely for conditions** **2 points**
- ▶ **Failing to stop for a school bus w/ flashing red lights** **3 points**
- ▶ **Speeding by 20 mph or more in a posted 65 zone** **5 points**

For additional information about points, please go to the MDOT MVA website.

How Do I ACCUMULATE POINTS?



After you are convicted of a traffic offense in court or mail in the fine, points are added to your driving record.

If you receive several tickets at the same time, you will only

- **Receive the points for the most severe offense,**
- **BUT.....all convictions will be on your record.**



**Committing
traffic
offenses**

**Convicted
in court or
mail in
fine**

**Points
placed on
record**

**8 points
Suspension**

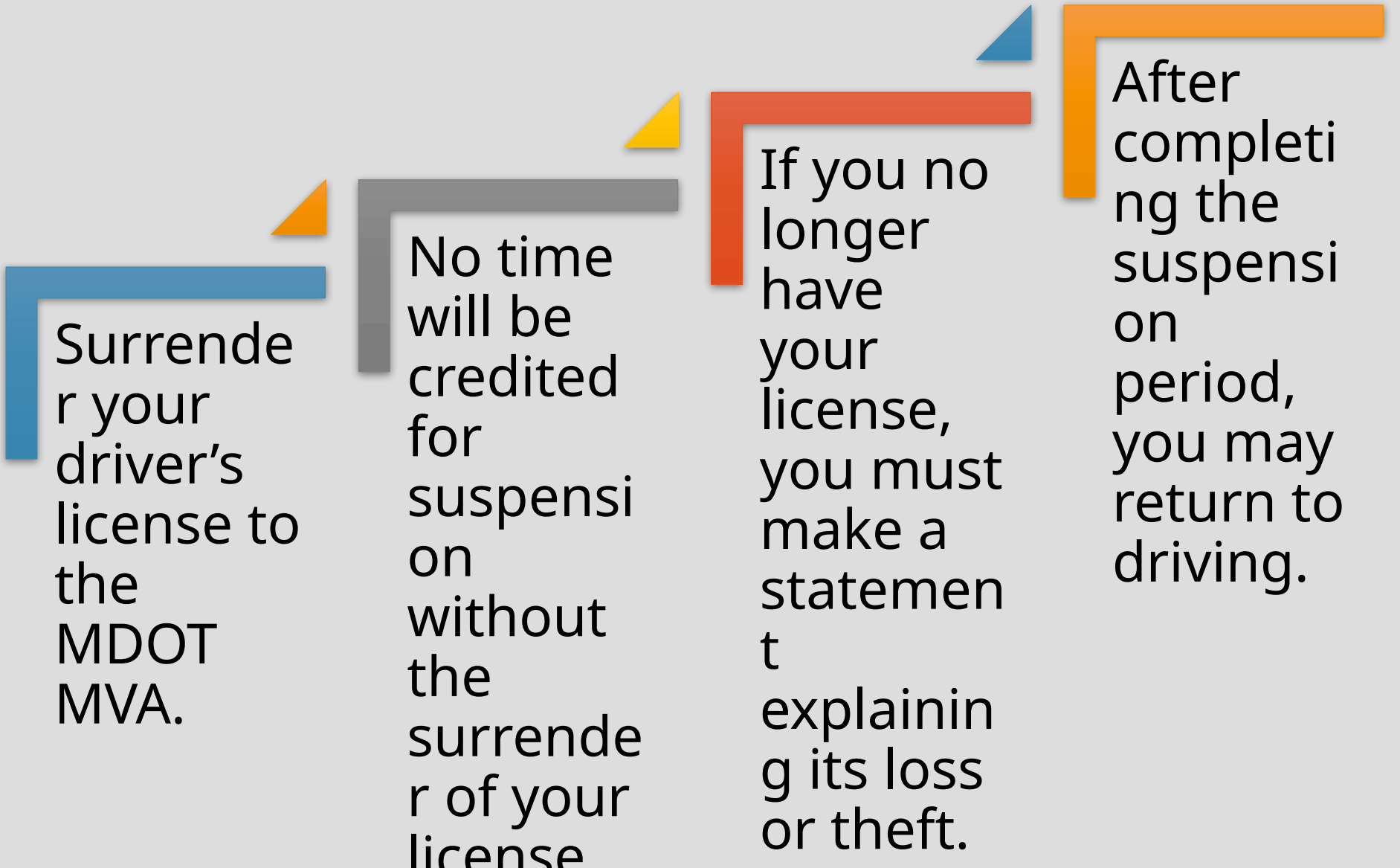
**5 - 7 points
Driver
Improvement**

**3 points
Warning**

**12 points
Revocation**

**WHY DO
POINTS
MATTER?**

WHAT IF MY LICENSE IS SUSPENDED?



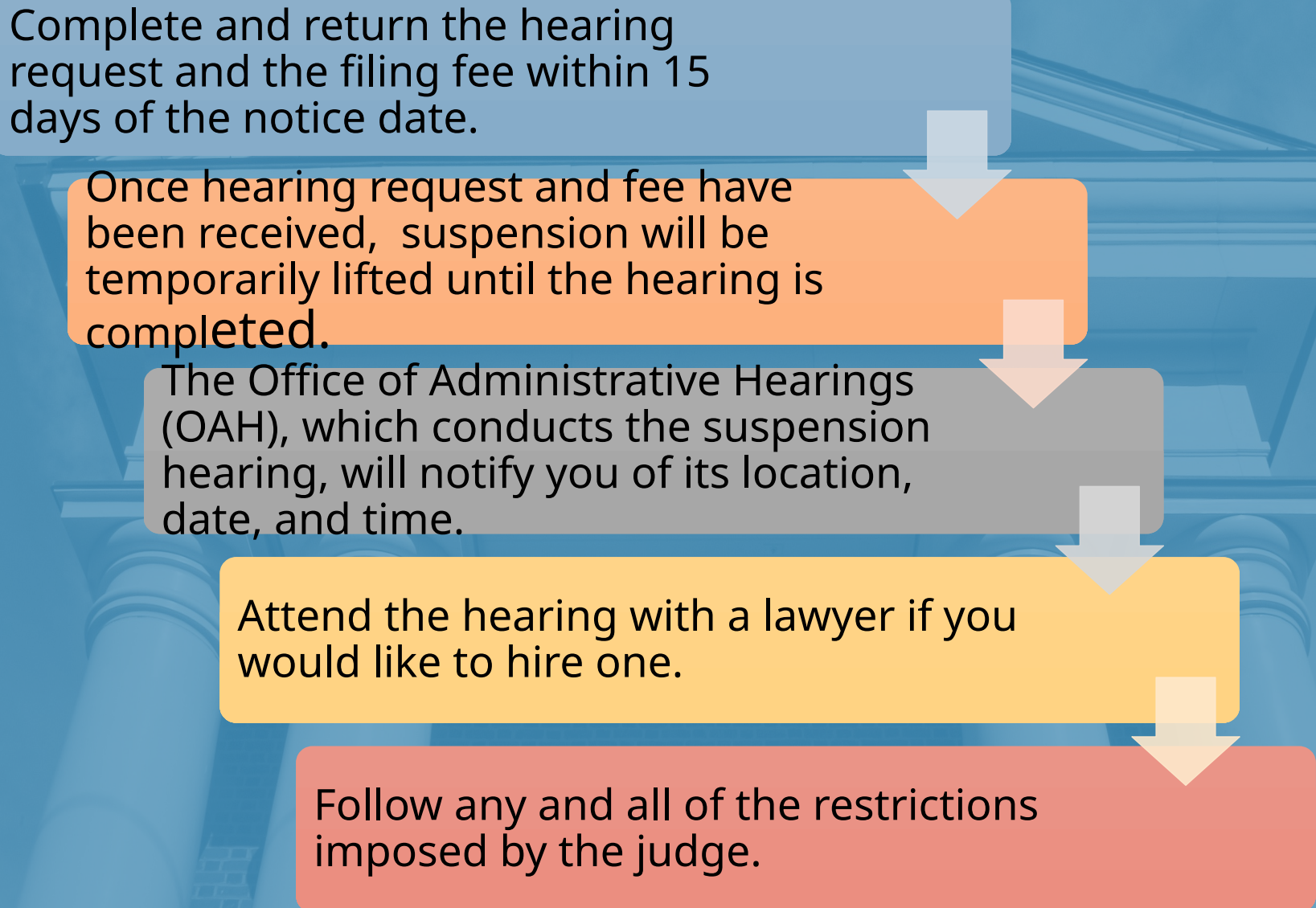
Surrender your driver's license to the MDOT MVA.

No time will be credited for suspension without the surrender of your license.

If you no longer have your license, you must make a statement explaining its loss or theft.

After completing the suspension period, you may return to driving.

Complete and return the hearing request and the filing fee within 15 days of the notice date.



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graph TD; A[Complete and return the hearing request and the filing fee within 15 days of the notice date.] --> B[Once hearing request and fee have been received, suspension will be temporarily lifted until the hearing is completed.]; B --> C[The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), which conducts the suspension hearing, will notify you of its location, date, and time.]; C --> D[Attend the hearing with a lawyer if you would like to hire one.]; D --> E[Follow any and all of the restrictions imposed by the judge.];
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Follow any and all of the restrictions imposed by the judge.

WHAT IF MY LICENSE IS SUSPENDED & I WANT A HEARING?

WHAT IF MY LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED FOR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES?

You may be allowed to participate in Ignition Interlock, if eligible.

- You will be able to continue driving, but with restrictions.**
- You will have to pay for any additional training or treatment.**
- You will have to pay for ignition interlocks to be installed on your vehicle.**
- You may be referred for additional evaluation, treatment, and ongoing monitoring of your driving.**

REVOCATION

- When you accumulate 12 points, you will be sent a letter of revocation.
- You will be given 15 days to request a hearing and will have to pay court costs before you go.
- Revocation terms can vary but minimums are:
 - First revocation.....Ineligible for 6 months
 - Second revocation.... Ineligible for 12 months
 - Third revocation.....Ineligible for 18 months
 - Fourth revocation.....Ineligible for 24 months
- Credit towards completing your revocation does not begin until the MDOT MVA receives your license.
- Before you get your license back, you will have to attend Driver Improvement and may also have to complete other educational or treatment programs.
- You will also have to take your knowledge and skills test at the MDOT MVA before getting a new license.



DOES IT MATTER IF MY LICENSE IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED?

It is extremely expensive.

You will have to pay fees, fines, higher insurances costs, higher transportation costs, and treatment program costs.

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family members, or

have to go to court or

and suspensions for any drug or alcohol related offenses
refusal to test cannot be expunged from your driving record.
you may have forever barred yourself from jobs that require even casual
driving.



DOES A SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION MATTER?

If I am revoked or suspended in Maryland, I can just go to another state and get a new license.

NO!!!!!!

Most states participate in an interstate agreement that allows them to share information about your driving record, suspensions, DUI convictions, and revocations.



ONE DRIVING RECORD WHEREVER YOU GO!



How will you get from place to place without your license?
How will you get to work, school, or home?

CAN MY RECORD EVER BE CLEAR?

How do points get off my record?

After two years, the points for most offenses will no longer be active on your record.

The convictions will still be seen on your record by law enforcement and the court system.

Once you choose to drive safely and continue to drive safely, your record may be erased.

Remember!

**Certain types of convictions cannot be expunged.
The points go away. The conviction is always on your**

A QUICK QUIZ

How many points must you accumulate before you must attend DIP?

5, 6, or 7 points

How many points must you accumulate before your license is suspended?

8 points

How many points must you accumulate before your license is revoked?

12 points

Do any other types of drivers have to attend DIP?

Yes, drivers with a provisional license or learner's permit convicted of a moving violation.

A QUICK QUIZ

What is the difference between suspension and revocation?

Suspension means you still have your driving privilege and must have turned in your license but are temporarily unable to drive legally.

Revocation means you no longer have a license and will have to prove that you are a safe driver to get your license back.

Can a driver drive when he/she is suspended for any reason?

NO!!! If your license is suspended (or revoked), you may not drive for any reason.

What are some possible consequences of high points?

Higher insurance costs or inability to get insurance

Court costs

MDOT MVA fees for classes, new licenses, and general fees

Loss of employment

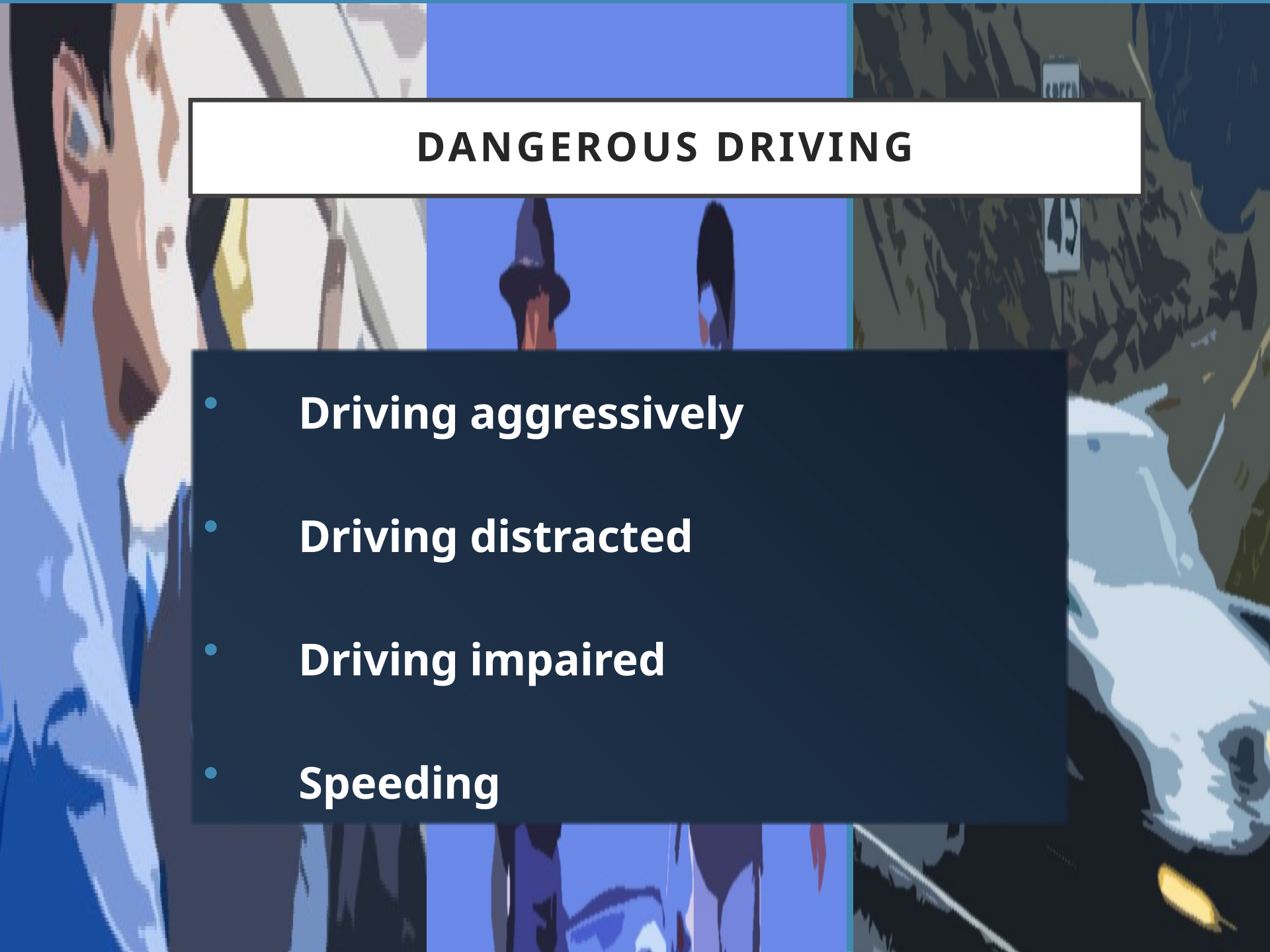
WHY DRIVE SAFELY?



Who do you know on the road every day?



DANGEROUS DRIVING BEHAVIORS



DANGEROUS DRIVING

- **Driving aggressively**
- **Driving distracted**
- **Driving impaired**
- **Speeding**



**CHOOSE TO BE SAFE:
DO NOT DRIVE AGGRESSIVELY**

WHO IS AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER?

Any driver who makes his/her passengers or the drivers around them be worry for their safety.



ARE YOU AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER?

CHOOSE NOT TO BE AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER:

AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE





**WHENEVER YOU ARE AGGRESSIVE,
YOU ARE AT THE EDGE OF MAKING A MISTAKE.
- MARIO ANDRETTI**

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



AGGRESSIVE DRIVING: AGGRESSIVE ACTS

Do you drive like you are in a hurry, frequently changing lanes and trying to leave other safer drivers behind?

Do you ever tailgate slower drivers who refuse to move over?

Do you ever go through red lights or ignore other traffic signals ?

Do you stop where and when you are supposed to?

Do you ever break speed limits?



What are you supposed to do in these situations?

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING: FREQUENT LANE CHANGES

Why are frequent lane changes dangerous?

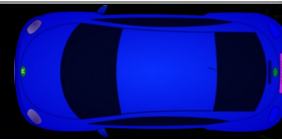
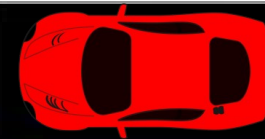
- Did you check all of your mirrors and your blind spots every time you changed lanes?
- Did you use signals to let driver around you know what you were doing?
- Did you insure there was enough space between vehicles to change lanes?



you, your



re you really getting there faster than the people around you



COULD THIS CRASH HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOUR VEHICLE TO STOP?

At 25 miles per hour



At 35 miles per hour



At 45 miles per hour



Tailgating or Following Too Closely Is Dangerous



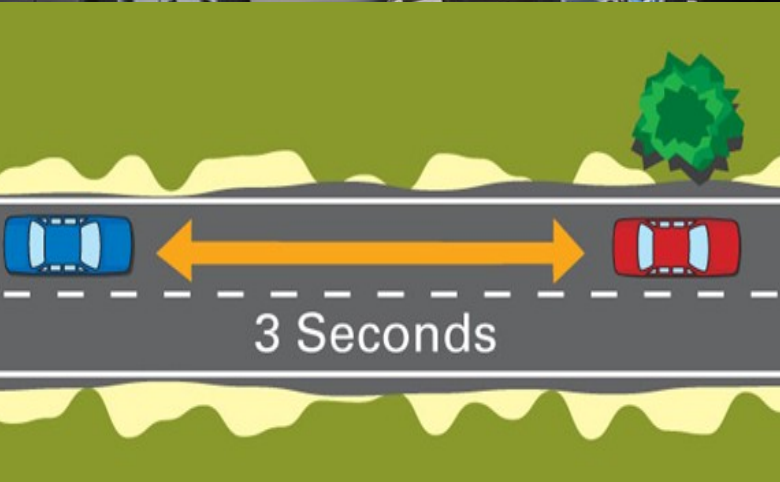


CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: MAINTAIN THE CORRECT FOLLOWING DISTANCE AND DO NOT TAILGATE



Correct following distance is at least 3- 4 seconds.

Following distance should be increased in bad weather conditions or any other condition that might make stopping challenging.



If you are following behind a truck or have limited visibility, you should increase following distance.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING: FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS

What is the danger?

The sign indicates “No Turn on Red. “ You are late and decided to do it anyway.

“No turn on red” signs are used in areas where there are a lot of pedestrians or on busy roads. If you make the turn, you run the risk of hitting a pedestrian or being involved with a crash with another vehicle.

The traffic signal is turning from yellow to red. Why can't I just go through?

In 2015, 771 people were killed and an estimated 137,000 were injured in crashes that involved red light running. Over half of those killed were pedestrians, bicyclists and people in other vehicles who were hit by the red light runners.

The car in front of me stopped at the stop sign and I stopped behind them. Can't I just go now?

Every driver has to stop at a stop sign. You need to check and make sure it is safe to proceed.

The light is only flashing red. Why can't I just ignore it and go on through the intersection?

Drivers should treat flashing red lights like a stop sign.

**COULD THESE TWO DRIVERS HAVE AVOIDED THIS
COLLISION?**



Why are traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings important?

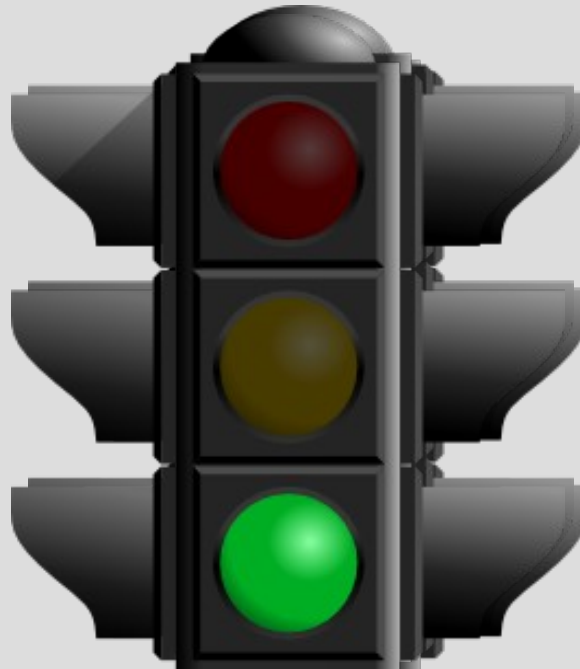
- **Allow drivers can anticipate what other drivers will do.**
- **Provide an opportunity for pedestrians or vehicles to cross an intersection.**
- **Reduce the number of conflicts and crashes between vehicles and other road users moving in different directions.**

CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Green - the traffic should move in the direction of the signal but should yield to other vehicles and pedestrians in the intersection or crosswalk.

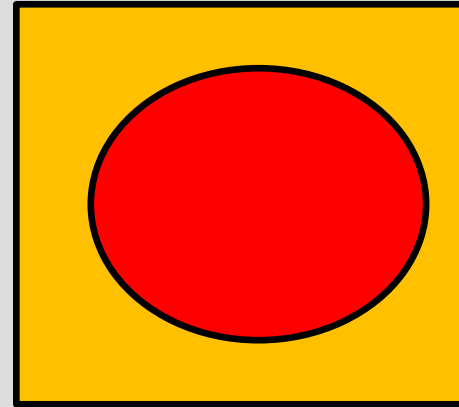
Yellow - the signal is about to change, and a driver must clear or must not enter the intersection.

Red - moving traffic should remain stopped as long as the signal is red.

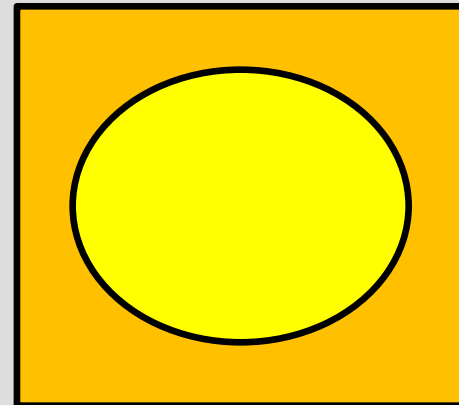


CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: OBEY FLASHING SIGNALS

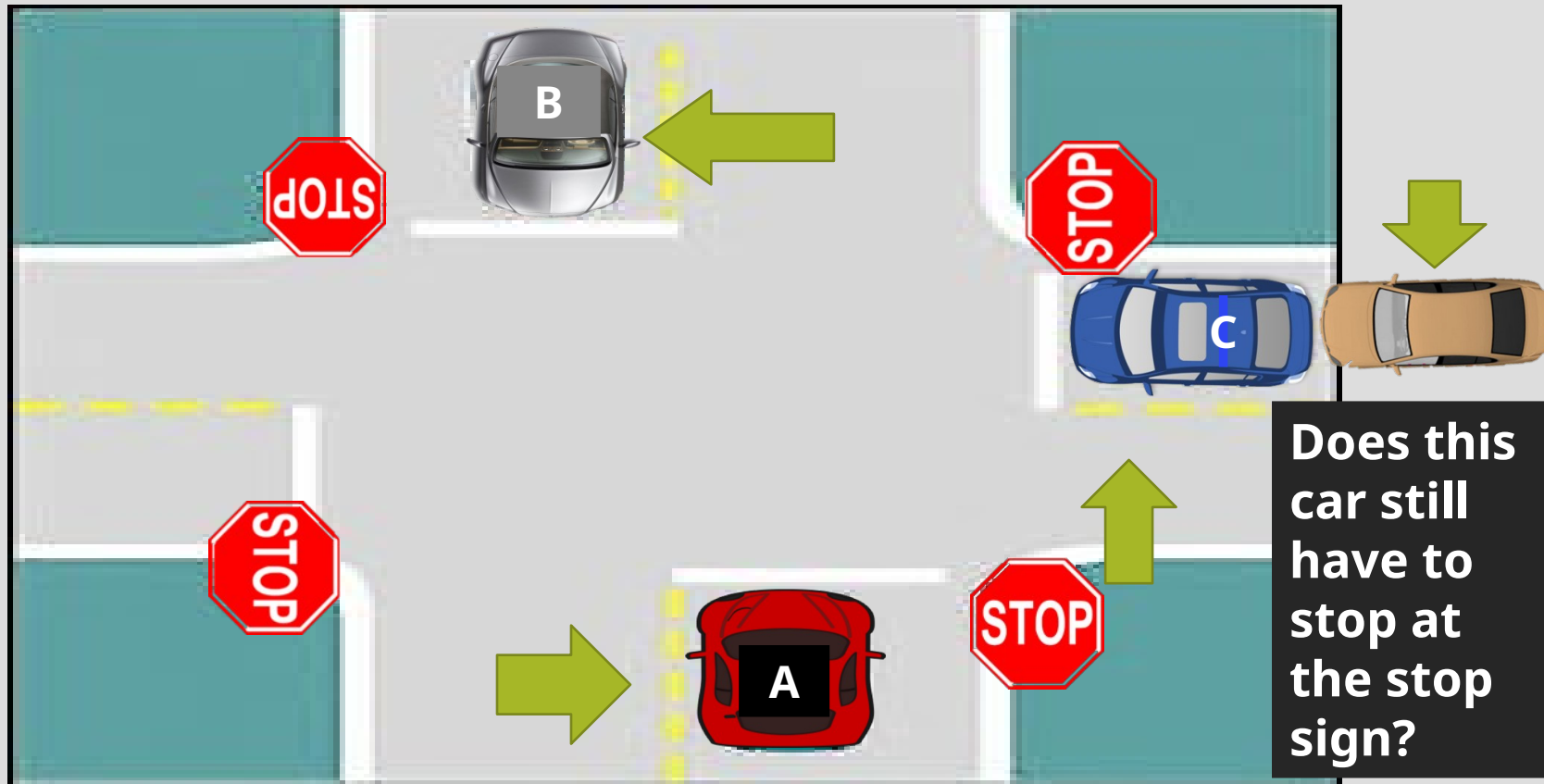
Flashing red – a driver must stop before entering the intersection.



Flashing yellow – a driver must slow down and proceed with caution when going through the intersection.



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: STOP THE CORRECT WAY

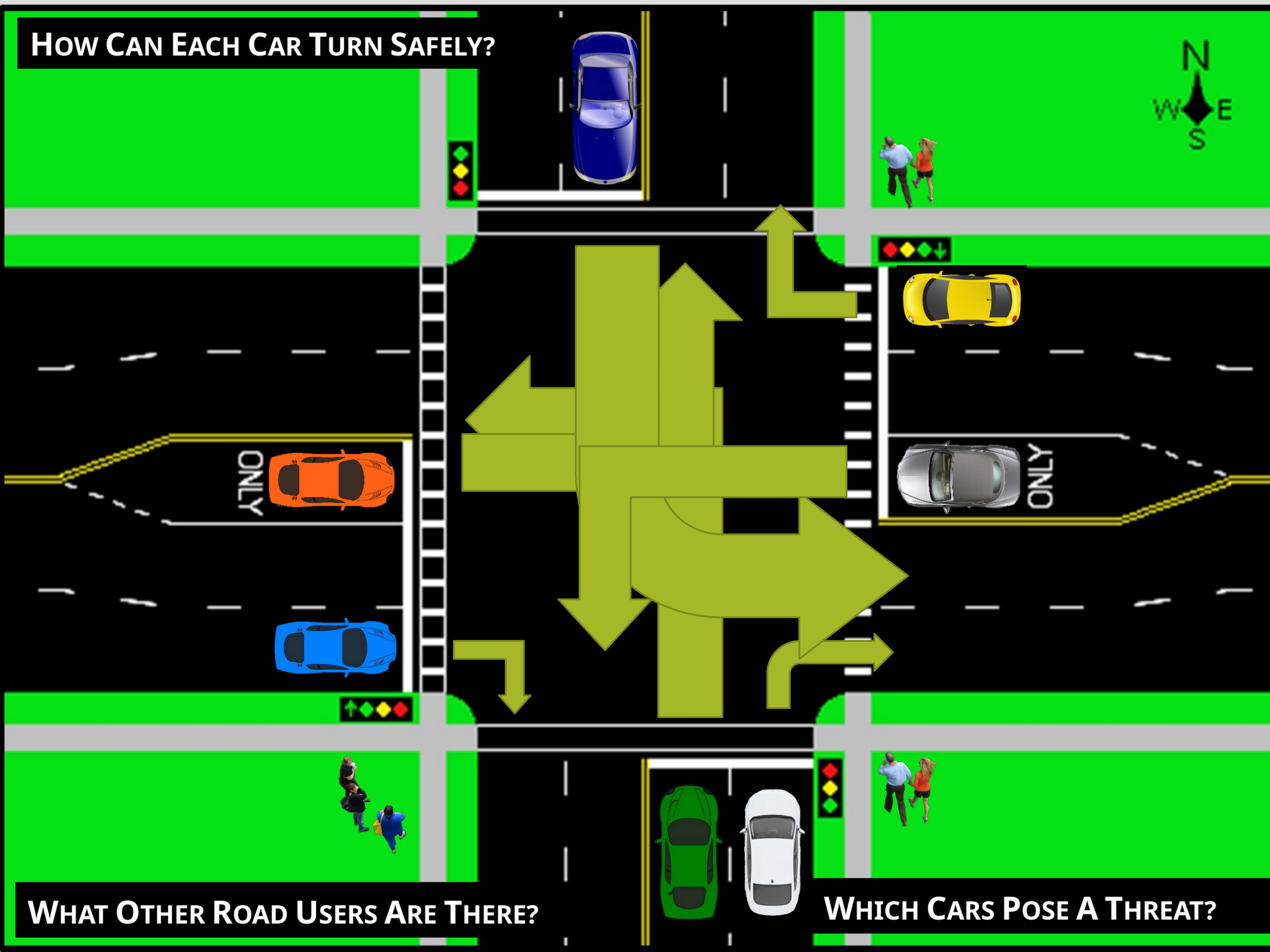


If all three cars arrived at the same time and you are in CAR A, who goes

CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: HOW TO MAKE A TURN SAFELY

- **Signal appropriately**
- **Check signs, signals, and pavement markings to ensure you can make the turn you want to make.**
 - **Are right or left turns permitted?**
 - **Are you allowed to move from one lane to another?**
 - **Is there a “protected” lane for turning?**
- **Check for other road users.**
- **Move into correct lane to make turn and continue to check mirrors and blind spots while making turn.**
- **Slow down to make the turn at a safe speed.**
- **Continue to yield as necessary.**

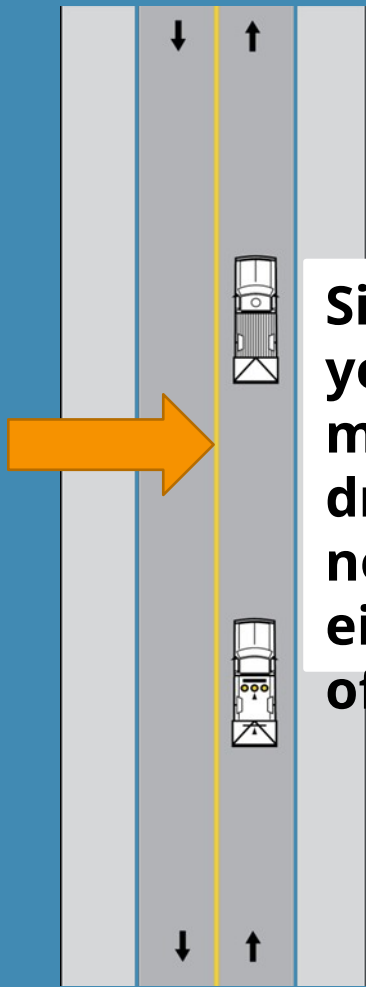
HOW CAN EACH CAR TURN SAFELY?



WHAT OTHER ROAD USERS ARE THERE?

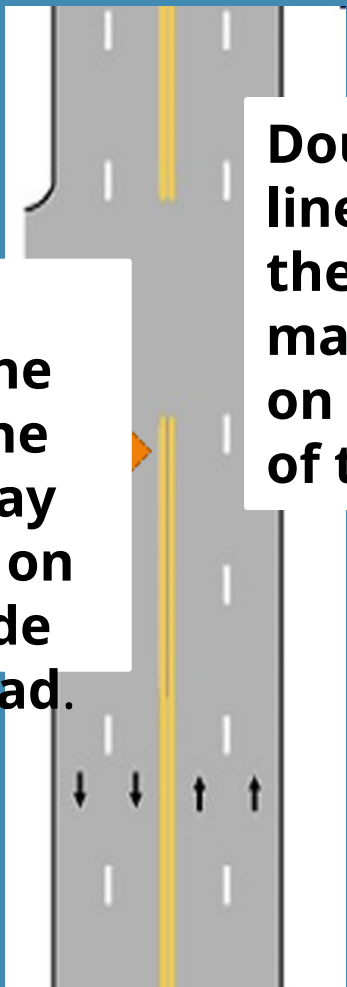
WHICH CARS POSE A THREAT?

CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: OBEY PAVEMENT MARKINGS- YELLOW MARKINGS



A diagram showing a road with a single yellow line down the center. On the left side of the line, there is a large orange arrow pointing right. On both sides of the line, there are two small truck icons, one above and one below the line. Arrows at the top and bottom of the road indicate traffic flow in both directions.

Single yellow line means the driver may not pass on either side of the road.



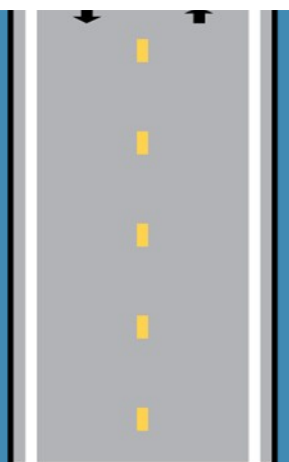
A diagram showing a road with two parallel yellow lines down the center. On both sides of the lines, there are two small truck icons, one above and one below the lines. Arrows at the bottom of the road indicate traffic flow in both directions.

Double yellow lines means the driver may not pass on either side of the road.



A diagram showing a road with a yellow solid line on one side and a yellow dashed line on the other side of the center. On both sides of the lines, there are two small truck icons, one above and one below the lines. Arrows at the top and bottom of the road indicate traffic flow in both directions.

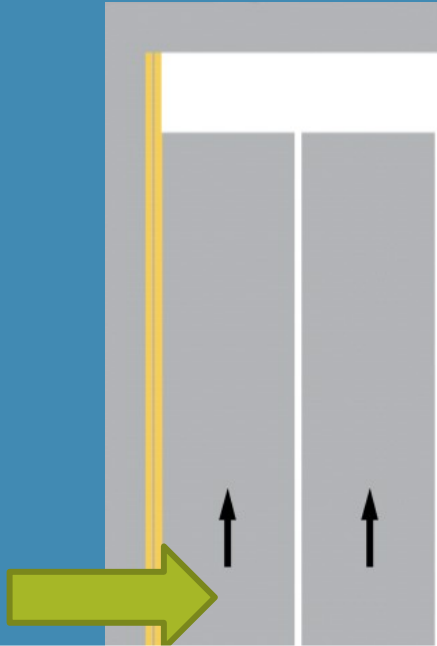
A yellow solid and dashed line together mean the driver on the side of the road with the dash may pass while the other side driver may not.



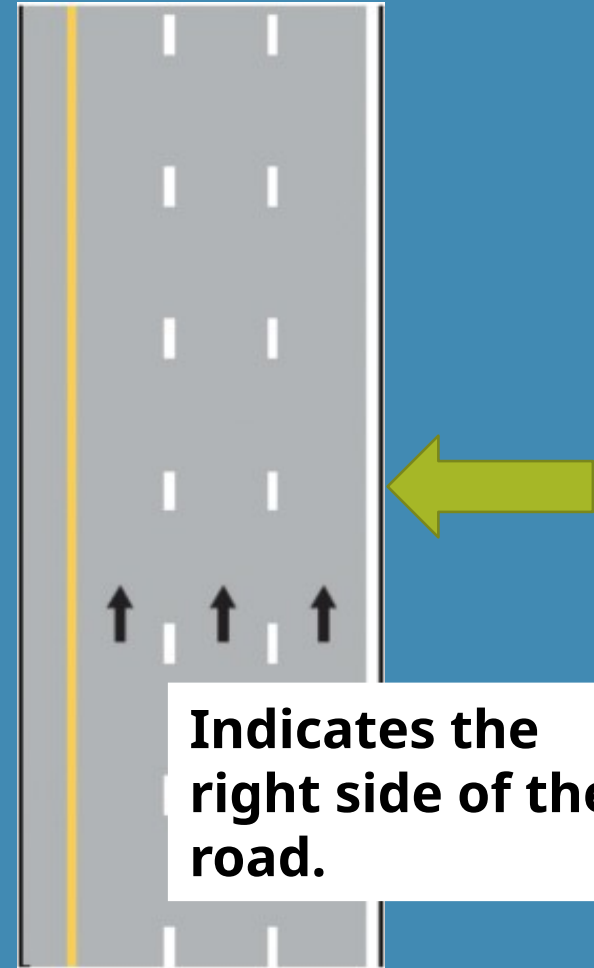
A diagram showing a road with a dashed yellow line down the center. On both sides of the line, there are two small truck icons, one above and one below the line. Arrows at the top and bottom of the road indicate traffic flow in both directions.

Dashed yellow line means the driver may pass on either side of the road.

CHOSE TO BE SAFE: OBEY PAVEMENT MARKINGS- WHITE MARKINGS



Separates lines of traffic traveling in the same direction. Crossing is not recommended but is allowed.



Indicates the right side of the road.



AGGRESSIVE DRIVING: EMOTION OVER SAFETY



Any strong emotion, such as excitement, stress, or anger, can cause you to lose concentration.



Anger can also lead to aggressive driving.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS: MORE THAN A SAFETY HAZARD

**Aggressive drivers show contempt for other motorists and for basic common sense at the wheel and ...
THEY ARE ALSO BREAKING THE LAW.**

Committing three moving violations at the same time is the legal definition of aggressive driving.



Significant Illegal Indicators:

Tailgating

Unsafe lane changing

Speeding

Running red lights and stop signs

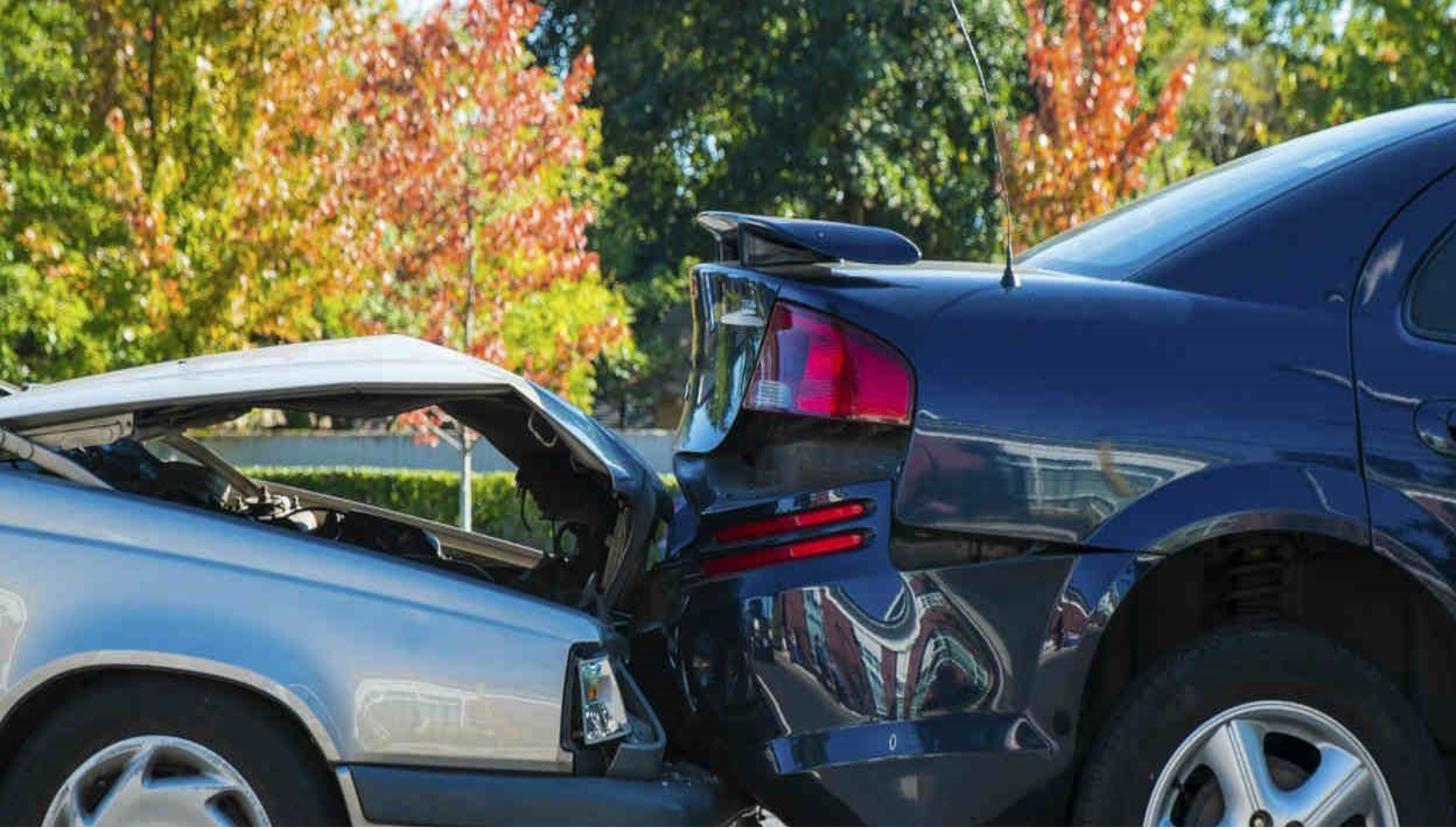
A QUICK QUIZ

What is aggressive driving?

- Doing anything that makes other drivers or your passengers afraid or even uncomfortable.
- Legally, any time a driver commits three moving violations at the same time.

What are some examples of aggressive actions? Why are these actions dangerous and illegal?

- Following too closely – may not give a driver enough room to adjust for speed or conditions and may led to a crash
- Multiple lane changes – driver may not check mirrors or blind spots and may led to a crash
- Speeding – driver may not be able to stop in time to avoid a collision
- Running red lights – is illegal and may led to a crash when crossing oncoming traffic



**CHOOSE NOT TO DRIVE
DISTRACTED**

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What actually happened to Jacy and her family?

What were some of the reasons/the people in the video found acceptable for texting while they were driving?

Have you as a driver ever used some of the excuses used by people in the video?

Having seen the cost of the decisions described in the video, do those excuses seem valid?

How would you feel if you were Jacy? How would you feel if you were the driver who caused the crash?

Why is Texting(or Any Distraction) Dangerous?

To Drive Safely, You Must S.E.E.

**What visual skills
are used when
driving?**

**Search
Visual Skill**

**Evaluate
Thinking Skill**

**What thinking
skills are used
when driving?**

**What motor skills
are used when
driving?**

**Execute
Motor
Skills**

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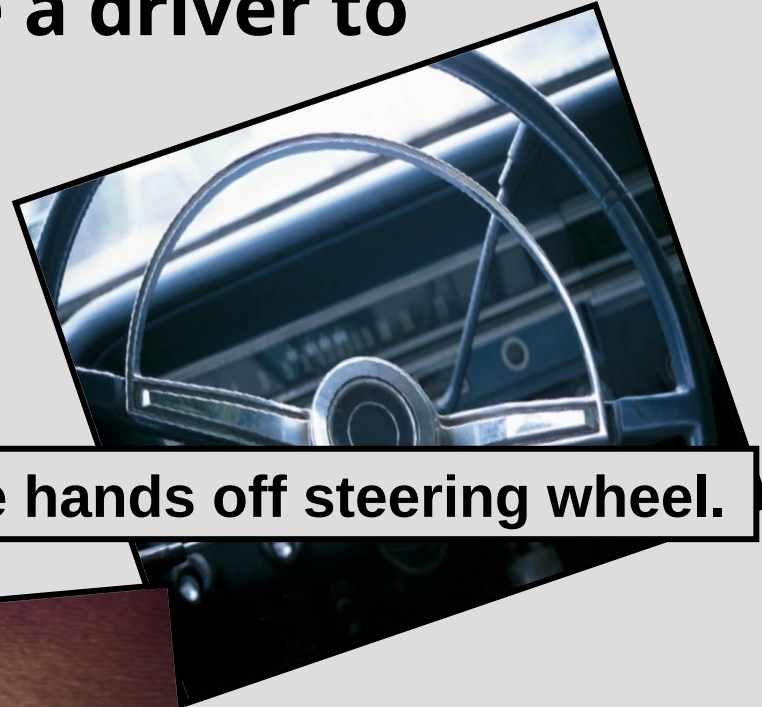
OR IN ANOTHER WAY...

Any distraction can cause a driver to

**Take eyes off
road.**



Take hands off steering wheel.



**Take mind off
driving.**



HOW DANGEROUS IS THAT TEXT?

How long to find your phone?

How long are your eyes off the road and your hands off the wheel?



How long to unlock your phone?

How long are your eyes off the road and your hands off the wheel?



How long to read your text?

How long are your eyes off the road and your hands off the wheel?



How long to text back?

How long are your eyes off the road and your hands off the wheel?

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO DO EACH STEP?

SO HOW FAR DID YOU TRAVEL LOOKING AT YOUR PHONE?

At 25 mph

40 ft each second

For 7 seconds

You went 280 ft.

At 35 mph

51 ft each second

For 7
seconds

You went 357
ft.

At 65 mph

95 ft each second

For 7
seconds

You went 665
ft.

YOU DROVE THE LENGTH OF A FOOTBALL FIELD...BLIND.



DISTRACTIONS DO NOT HAVE TO BE TECHNOLOGICAL

Anything that makes it impossible for a driver to S.E.E. (Search Evaluate Execute) is a distraction and a danger.



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: WHAT IS MARYLAND LAW?

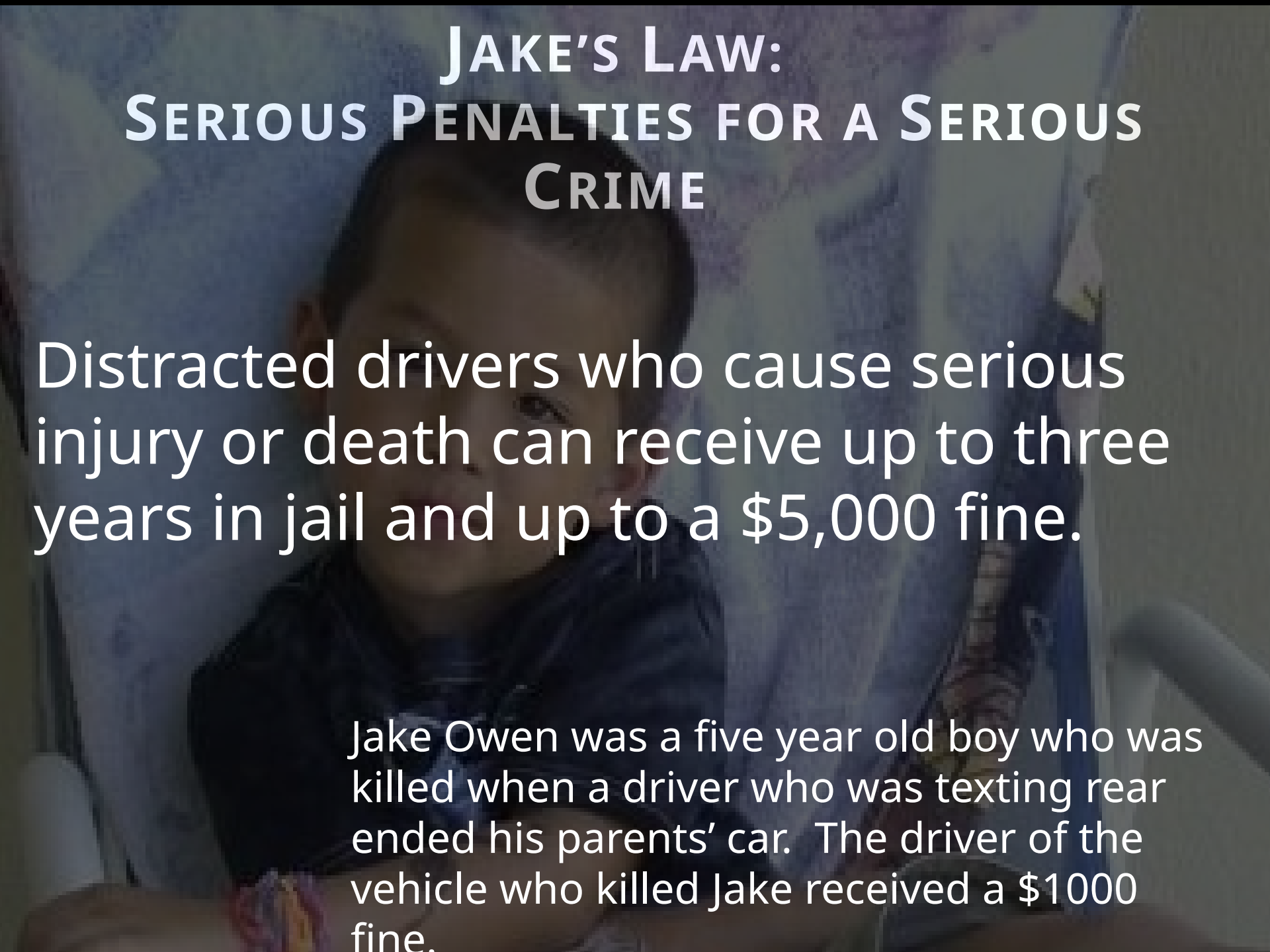
According to Maryland law, an individual may not use a text messaging device to **WRITE, SEND, OR READ** a text message or electronic message while operating a motor vehicle in the travel portion of a roadway .
Transportation Act 21-1124.1



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: WHAT IS MARYLAND LAW?

- A driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion may not use the driver's hands to use a handheld telephone (cell phone) other than to initiate or terminate a wireless telephone call or to turn on or turn off the handheld telephone.
- Primary offense which means that a driver may be stopped and cited if an officer observes them using a cell phone.
- Illegal even with hands-free device for drivers under 18



A young boy, Jake Owen, is shown from the chest up, sitting in a car seat. He is wearing a dark blue jacket over a light-colored shirt. He has dark hair and is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is out of focus, showing what appears to be the interior of a car with light-colored seats.

JAKE'S LAW: SERIOUS PENALTIES FOR A SERIOUS CRIME

Distracted drivers who cause serious injury or death can receive up to three years in jail and up to a \$5,000 fine.

Jake Owen was a five year old boy who was killed when a driver who was texting rear ended his parents' car. The driver of the vehicle who killed Jake received a \$1000 fine.

A QUICK QUIZ

What is a distraction when driving and why are they dangerous?

A distraction is anything that stops a driver from “S.E.E.ing” when driving.

Distractions make it harder for drivers to search where they are going, evaluate what risks and hazards a situation may have, and safely execute a course of action.

Do distractions have to be technological?

Distractions can be anything that interferes with a driver being able to S.E.E.

What is Maryland Law about texting?

It is illegal in Maryland to text and drive.

What is Maryland law about cellphone use?

Drivers over 18 may use a hands free device.

Drivers under 18 are not allowed to use cell phones at all unless they are calling 911.

A person with glasses and a floral shirt is driving a car. They appear to be tired or drowsy, with their eyes partially closed. The background shows a road and some greenery. A white text box is overlaid on the image.

**CHOSE TO BE SAFE:
DO NOT DRIVE FATIGUED**

CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: DRIVE ALERT AND FOCUSED

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What are some of the effects of drowsy driving?

Drowsy driving mimics many of the effects of drunk driving.

What is microsleep? How is microsleep dangerous?

Microsleep is when a driver's eyes droop or attention wanders because of fatigue. That loss of attention can cause a crash.

According to the video, what is the best way to avoid drowsy driving?

Get rest. Coffee, fresh air, or loud music, which are common remedies do not work.

**Less than 6 hours sleep
within 24 hours causes
a decrease in:**

- **coordination**
- **reaction time**
- **judgment**

**Fatigued or drowsy
driving mimics the
effects of drunk driving.**



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: DO NOT DRIVE DROWSY



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: IMPACT OF DROWSY DRIVING

According to National Sleep Foundation survey, 60% of drivers admit to have driven drowsy in the last year and 37% have actually fallen asleep while driving.



**According to NHTSA,
886 fatal crashes
37,000 injury crashes
45,000 property damage crashes.**



Do you Drive Fatigued?

Everybody has a "biological clock."

Drinking coffee cures drowsiness while driving.

I can tell when I'm going to fall asleep.

I'm a safe driver so it doesn't matter if I'm sleepy.

Nearly everyone gets enough sleep.

Being sleepy makes you misperceive things.

Young people need less sleep.

If I sleep a lot now, I won't need to sleep as much later.

Even people who sleep 8 hours may not be well rested.







**CHOOSE TO BE SAFE:
DO NOT DRIVE IMPAIRED BY
DRUGS OR ALCOHOL**

ANY AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL CAN IMPAIR YOUR DRIVING.



The amount of alcohol in your blood is called BAC or Blood Alcohol Concentration.

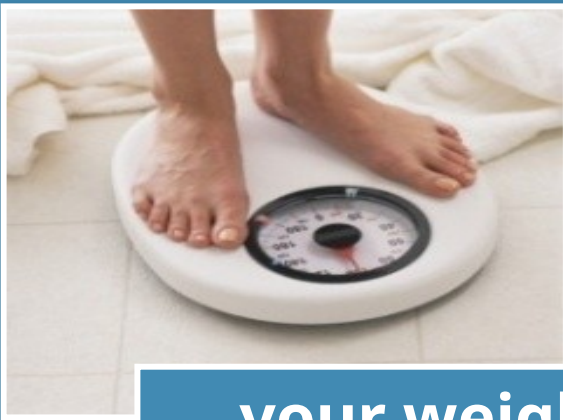
**As you drink, the alcohol enters your bloodstream.
The more you drink, the more alcohol in your blood.
Your BAC starts to increase from your very first drink.**

IF YOU PLAN TO DRINK...PLAN NOT TO DRIVE.

WHAT CAN IMPACT YOUR BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION?



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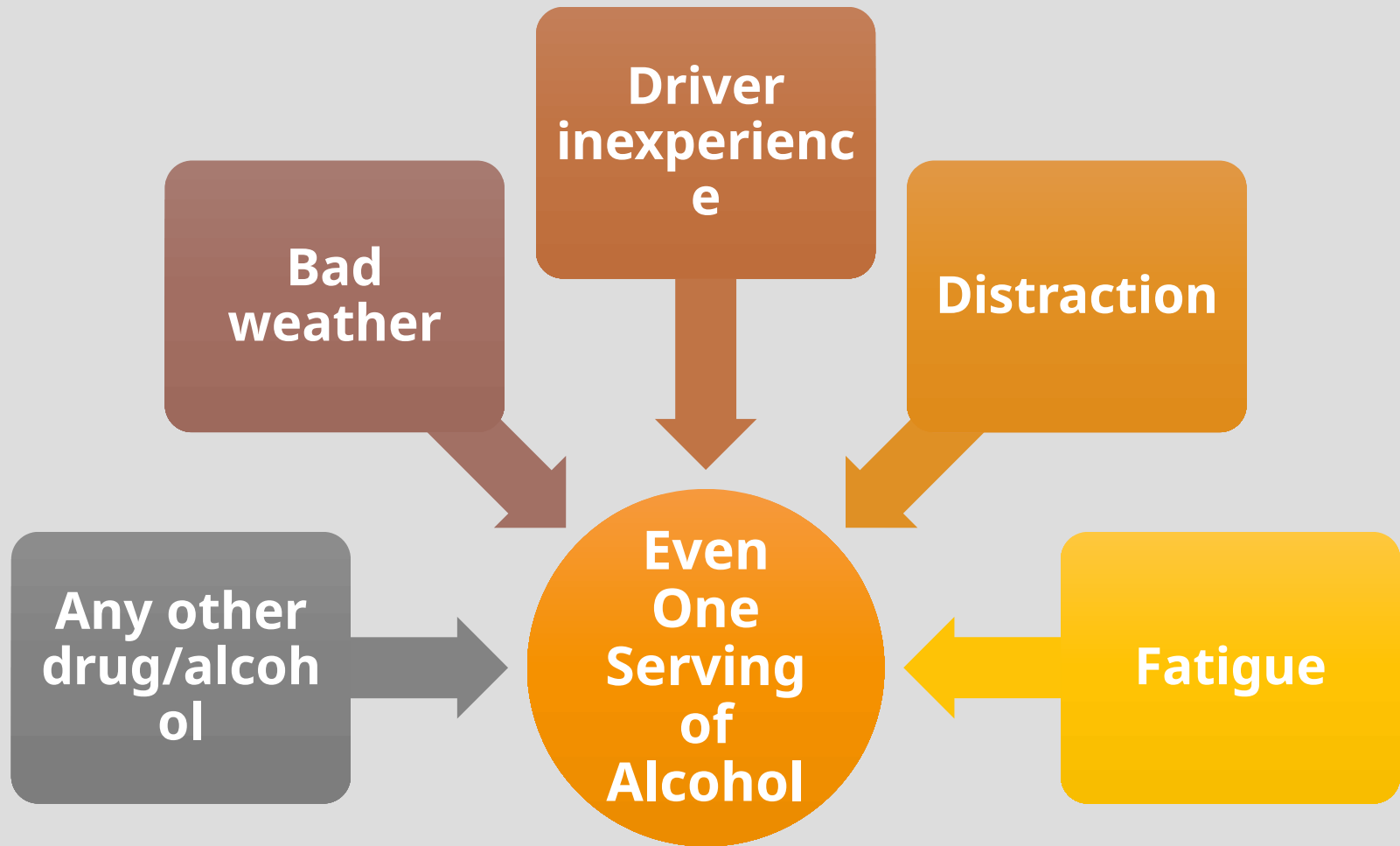


your weight



when you drank

**CHOOSE TO BE SAFE:
EVEN ONE DRINK CAN BE IMPAIRING**



TRYING TO MONITOR YOUR BAC?

You can't!

It is extremely difficult to assess your BAC.

Why?



Do you know EXACTLY how many servings of alcohol you consumed?

Do you know EXACTLY when you started drinking?

Do you know EXACTLY how much you weigh and how much blood is in your system?

**IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER THE QUESTIONS EXACTLY,
YOU CAN'T MONITOR YOUR BAC.**

SO...WHAT IS THE "LEGAL LIMIT," ANYWAY?

DWI - Driving While Impaired -

BAC of .07 to less than .08 OR

driving while using any impairing

drug/medication

Influencer

or more

IF YOU HAVE AN ALCOHOL RESTRICTION ON YOUR LICENSE, EVEN ONE DRINK IS ILLEGAL.

But you can be stopped and charged with a BAC as low as .05.



UNDER 21? : ZERO TOLERANCE

**A quick fact to help you put things in perspective:
1 teaspoon of cough syrup = approximately BAC of
0.01**

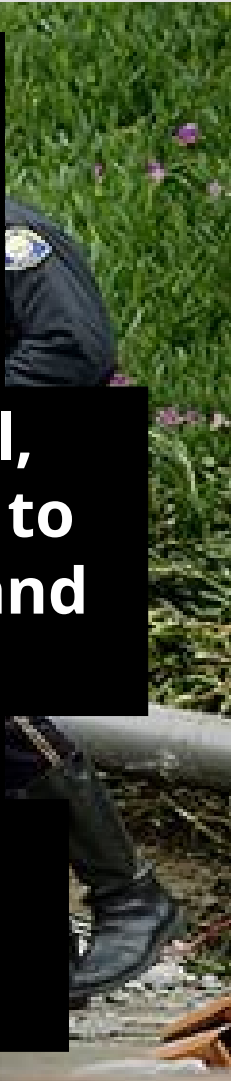


**So, even one drink, one sip, one
swallow, one swig, one taste is
illegal and can result in alcohol
related charges.**



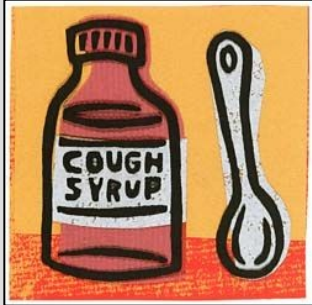
According to the Center for Disease Control, 4,000,000 (4 million) drivers last year chose to Drive Impaired and endanger themselves and everyone around them.

Charles Lewis, mixed martial arts fighter, was killed in a crash that combined alcohol and speed. The picture shows what was left of his car after the collision. He died on impact.





IMPAIRED DRIVING: DRUGS



Drugs that affect your ability to drive may be **LEGAL** Or **ILLEGAL**.



IMPAIRED DRIVING: DRUGS

- Legal drugs include prescription and over the counter medications.
- While legal, they may still cause driving impairment



Be sure to read the warning labels for all drugs.

IMPAIRED DRIVING: MARIJUANA

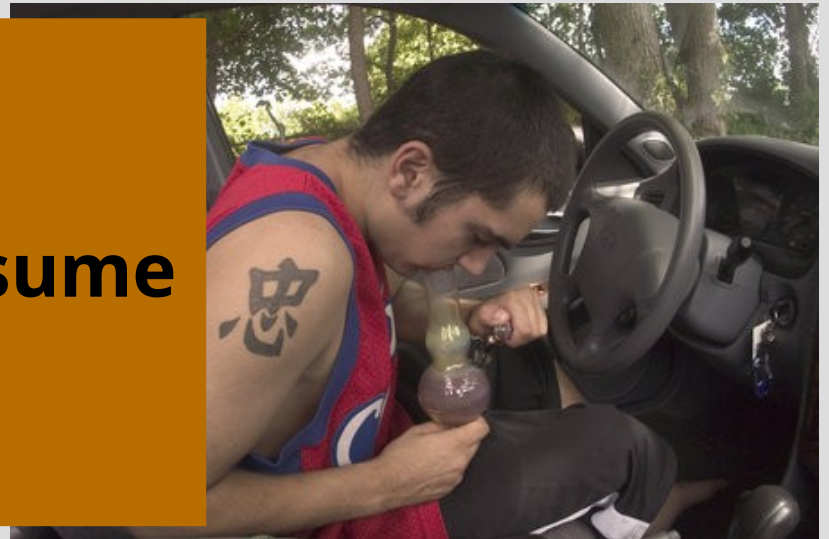
Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia currently have laws legalizing marijuana in some form.

Does that mean the smoking marijuana and driving is legal?

No!

**How much is
illegal to consume
and drive?**

Any.



IMPAIRED DRIVING: MARIJUANA

How does marijuana impact driving?

- Coordination
- Concentration
- Cognition
- Balance



According to a recent study by the University of Colorado, even at low levels, marijuana significantly increased weaving from lane to lane.

IMPAIRED DRIVING: DRUGS



prescription

over-the-counter



illega

I

**WHEN DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED, IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHAT KIND OF DRUGS YOU USE.**

**YOU ARE ENDANGERING YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF
OTHERS.**



A QUICK QUIZ

What are the legal limits for BAC?

Legal limit for DWI is .07 BAC to less than .08

Legal limit for DUI is .08 BAC and above.

For anyone under 21, the legal limit is .00 (zero tolerance)

According to the DIP curriculum, how many alcohol can a person drink and still be safe to drive?

None.

According to the DIP curriculum, how much marijuana can a person smoke before not being allowed to drive?

None.

What is implied consent? Where can a driver find the implied consent statement?

Implied consent is the permission to be tested for the presence of drugs or alcohol which a driver granted when he/she received his/her MD driver license.

The implied consent statement can be found on the back of the MD driver license.

WHY DRIVE SAFELY?



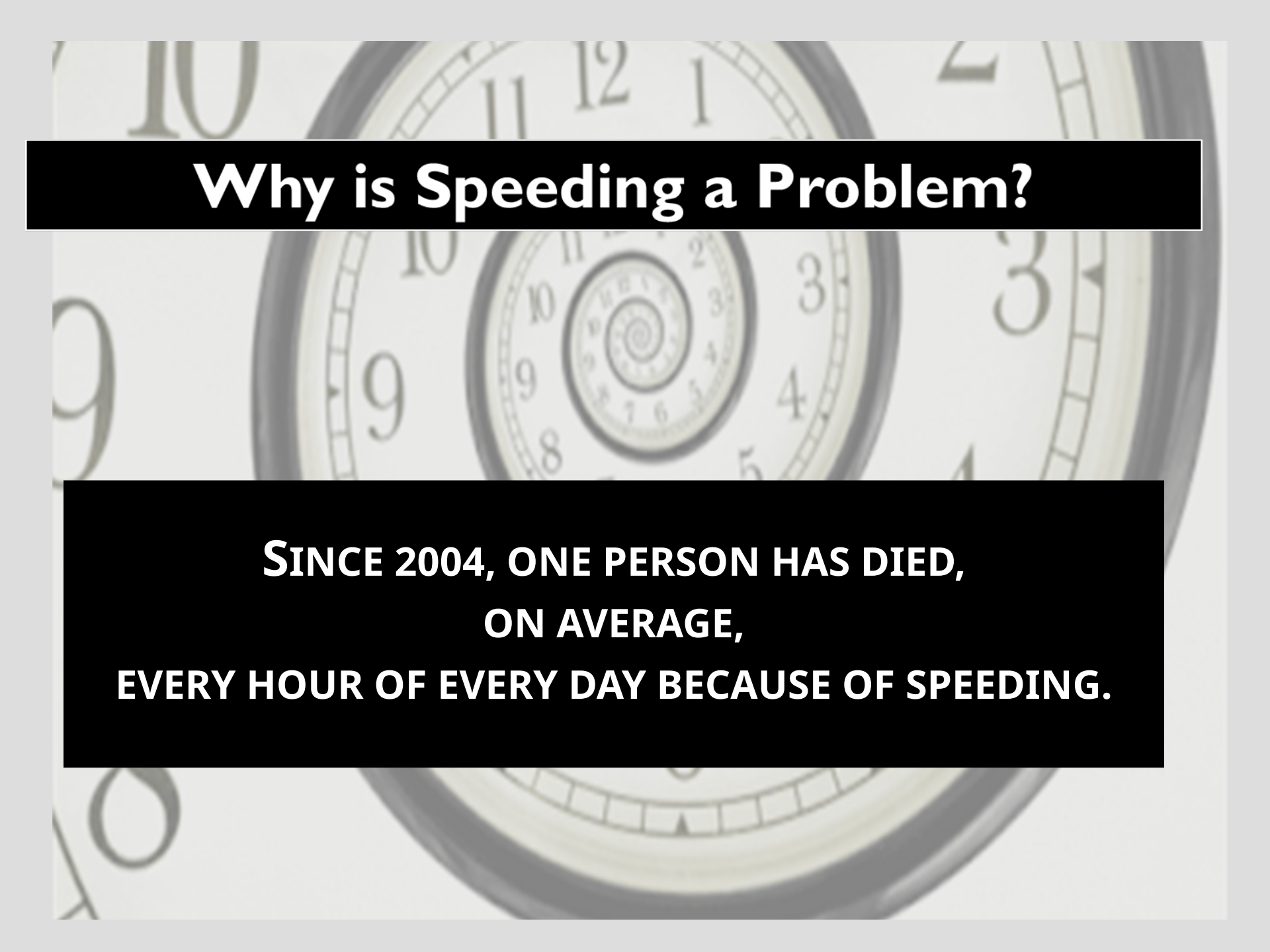
It is much cheaper.

- ▶ **How much did this class cost?**
- ▶ **How much did your ticket cost?**
- ▶ **How much did your insurance costs go up?**
- ▶ **How much did your lawyer cost?**
- ▶ **How much does your time cost?**



The background of the image is a blurred photograph of a two-lane asphalt road that curves to the right. The road is flanked by lush green grass and trees, which are out of focus due to a high-speed motion blur effect. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of green and grey.

CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT



Why is Speeding a Problem?

**SINCE 2004, ONE PERSON HAS DIED,
ON AVERAGE,
EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF SPEEDING.**

Why is Speeding a Problem?

The higher
the speed,
the less time
to react

The higher
the speed,
the more
distance
traveled
before
stopping

The higher
the speed,
the harder
the impact

The higher
the speed,
the worse
the crash



Why is Speeding a Problem?

WHY IS SPEEDING A PROBLEM?

According to the video, what are the significant problems with even a slight increase in speed?

- Greater distance to slow or stop vehicle at higher speeds.
- More distance will be covered before a driver can react successfully to any situation.
- More damage done to vehicle and driver at higher speeds.



Hit by a vehicle traveling at

**20
MPH**



9 out of 10 pedestrians survive.

Hit by a vehicle traveling at

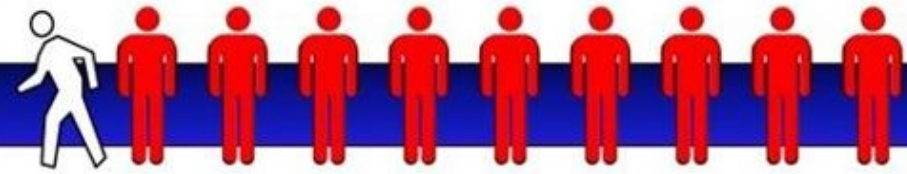
**30
MPH**



5 out of 10 pedestrians survive.

Hit by a vehicle traveling at

**40
MPH**



only 1 out of 10 pedestrians survives.

SPEED MATTERS FOR EVERY ROAD USER.

Why is Speeding a Problem?



Speeding is expensive.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, speeding related crashes across the US cost over \$200 Billion dollars annually.

CHOOSE TO BE SAFE. EVERY TRIP. EVERY TIME.



Monitor your speed.

Follow traffic control devices and lane markings.

Always wear your safety belt.

Never drive impaired by drugs or alcohol.

Focus on driving task, not on the phone.

Stay calm.

BE SAFE. EVERY TIME. EVERY TRIP: MONITOR YOUR SPEED



Residential



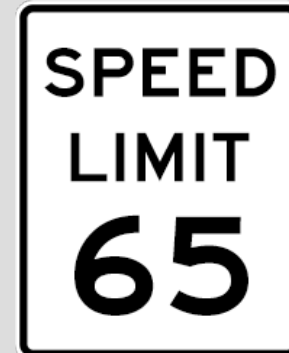
Suburban/
Urban/Rural
Roads



Suburban/
Urban/Rural
Roads



Highway/
Interstate



Interstate/
Expressway



Rural
Interstate

Where would a driver find these posted speed limits?

MONITOR YOUR SPEED



Speed limits are absolute limits that must be adjusted for bad weather, traffic, or road work.



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT EVERY TRIP SEAT BELT FACT OR FICTION

I am safer if thrown clear of the car in a crash.



If the car catches fire or is submerged in water, I cannot get out.



Seat belts hurt you in a crash more than they help.



On average, more than 120 UNBELTED DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS are killed every year in Maryland.



Approximately 38 PERCENT OF DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS killed in motor vehicle crashes are unbelted.



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT EVERY TRIP

Now that you know to wear a belt, how do you properly wear a safety belt ?

- Place lap belt snugly across hips.
- Adjust center post mounting for height, if vehicle is so equipped.
- Belt over top of shoulder and across center of chest to distribute force in the event of a crash.
- Keep seat back in upright position to avoid sliding out of the seat in a frontal crash.



**CHOOSE TO BE SAFE:
NEVER DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF
DRUGS OR ALCOHOL**

- **Make a plan *BEFORE* you leave the house. Why?**
- **Make a contract with a responsible person before you leave home. Why?**
- **Give someone you trust the honor of being your sober driver. Why?**
- **Call a cab or Uber it. Why?**

IF YOU PLAN TO DRINK, PLAN NOT TO DRIVE



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: FOCUS ON THE DRIVING TASK

- **Driving is risky; things happen in the blink of an eye.**
- **You must keep your hands on the wheel, your eyes on the road.**
- **And most importantly, keep your mind on the task at hand.**



CHOOSE TO BE SAFE: STAY CALM, NOT AGGRESSIVE

- **The more emotional you are when driving, the less focused you are.**
 - **Whether you are angry or overjoyed, emotions diminish your concentration.**
 - **If you are going to stay mad or even stay glad, stay home.**
 - **Remember, aggressive thoughts lead to aggressive actions.**
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- A photograph of two young women driving in a car. The woman in the foreground is smiling and looking towards the right. The woman in the background is also smiling and looking forward. The image is slightly blurred, suggesting motion. The background shows a road and some greenery.

Choose to be Safe. Every Time. Every trip.



So you can go home to the people you love.