

# Think you know everything about safe driving? Take our quiz

Do you know the safest driving speed? Why are seat belts a good idea? Are you aware of the signs of drowsy driving?

Driving might be something you do every day but remembering the safe driving tips you learned in driver's education class could be another matter. In addition, some recent driving safety information might be new to you.

Use the Safe Driving Quiz to refresh your knowledge and stay up-to-date on recent statistics and timely issues.

## Safe Driving Quiz

- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), what percentage of people killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2017 were not wearing a seat belt?
  - 12
  - 29
  - 35
  - 47
- The amount of time it takes to stop your vehicle can be impacted by which of the following?
  - Rain
  - Debris
  - Snow
  - All of the above
- True or False:** Some highways have minimum speed limits, and it's dangerous to drive slower than the minimum speed.
- To prevent drowsy driving on long trips:
  - Stop regularly for a break or to rest
  - Drive well below the speed limit
  - Eat and drink while you're driving
  - Call a friend on your cell phone
- You should be following the car in front of you by about \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.
  - Two
  - Four
  - Six
  - 10
- True or False:** It's illegal to drive while impaired unless you're legally using medical marijuana.
- About how many feet does it take a passenger vehicle to stop after the brakes are applied when the vehicle is traveling 55 mph?
  - 53
  - 83
  - 103
  - 133
- Signs of drowsy driving include:
  - Drifting off the road into the rumble strip
  - Not remembering driving the last few miles
  - Eyes going in and out of focus
  - All of the above

9. After passing a car, you should get back into the right lane when you:
  - a. Can see the bumper of the vehicle you have passed when you look in your rear-view mirror.
  - b. Reach a speed of 55 miles per hour.
  - c. Have put on your turn signal.
  - d. Hear the driver behind you honk the horn.
10. What is the hand signal for a right turn?
  - a. Left arm straight and hand extended downward
  - b. Left arm straight and hand extended upward
  - c. Right arm extended outward
  - d. Right arm extended outward, with index finger pointing to the right
11. What should you do when you are going to enter the road from a private driveway, road, or parking lot?
  - a. Blow your horn so other drivers let you into traffic.
  - b. Flash your headlights so other drivers let you into traffic.
  - c. Step on the gas and accelerate quickly to avoid disrupting traffic flow.
  - d. Give pedestrians and traffic on the road the right-of-way before entering the road.
12. When exiting from a divided highway, you should signal at least \_\_\_\_\_ feet before your exit ramp.
  - a. 10
  - b. 100
  - c. 500
  - d. 1,000
13. Most crashes happen within \_\_\_\_\_ miles of home.
  - a. 2
  - b. 10
  - c. 20
  - d. 25
14. **True or False:** There's no need to wear a seat belt if your car has air bags, because the air bag alone is enough to protect you in a crash.
15. What's the single most important thing to do to keep yourself safe in case you're in a crash?
  - a. Keep windows closed
  - b. Turn off the radio
  - c. Wear your seat belt
  - d. Run the air conditioning full-blast
16. The safest driving speed is:
  - a. 45 miles per hour
  - b. 55 miles per hour
  - c. The speed limit that's posted
  - d. Dependent on driving conditions

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## Answer Key

1. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), what percentage of people killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2017 were not wearing a seat belt?

- a. 12
- b. 29
- c. 35
- d. 47

**Answer: d.** The NHTSA reports that 47 percent of the 37,133 people who died in motor vehicle crashes in 2017 were unrestrained.

2. The amount of time it takes to stop your vehicle can be impacted by which of the following?

- a. Rain
- b. Debris
- c. Snow
- d. All of the above

**Answer: d.** Weather conditions such as rain, snow, and ice, as well the road surface or debris on the road, can greatly affect breaking distance.

3. **True or False:** Some highways have minimum speed limits, and it's dangerous to drive slower than the minimum speed.

**Answer: True.** Driving slower than the minimum speed could hamper traffic flow and create a dangerous situation.

4. To prevent drowsy driving on long trips:

- a. Stop regularly for a break or to rest
- b. Drive well below the speed limit
- c. Eat and drink while you're driving
- d. Call a friend on your cell phone

**Answer: a.** When taking a long trip, plan for stops about every 100 miles or two hours.

5. You should be following the car in front of you by about \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.

- a. Two
- b. Four
- c. Six
- d. 10

**Answer: a.** As a rule of thumb, leave about two seconds of space between your vehicle and the one you're following. This means that after the vehicle in front of you passes a certain point in the road, you should pass it at least two seconds later. In bad weather, leave three to four seconds of space between your vehicle and the one you're following.

6. **True or False:** It's illegal to drive while impaired unless you're legally using medical marijuana.

**Answer: False.** It's always illegal to drive while impaired, even in states where use of recreational or medical marijuana is legal. If a person is impaired by any substance, it's illegal to drive.

7. About how many feet does it take a passenger vehicle to stop after the brakes are applied when the vehicle is traveling 55 mph?
- 53 feet
  - 83 feet
  - 103 feet
  - 133 feet

**Answer: d.** According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the average stopping distance for a passenger vehicle is 133 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 55 mph.

8. Signs of drowsy driving include:
- Drifting off the road into the rumble strip
  - Not remembering driving the last few miles
  - Eyes going in and out of focus
  - All of the above

**Answer: d.** All of the symptoms listed could be signs of drowsy driving. Other signs include yawning, finding it difficult to keep your head up, and having your thoughts wander.

9. After passing a car, you should get back into the right lane when you:
- Can see the bumper of the vehicle you have passed when you look in your rear-view mirror.
  - Reach a speed of 55 miles per hour.
  - Have put on your turn signal.
  - Hear the driver behind you honk the horn.

**Answer: a.** After passing, look in your rear-view mirror, and get back into the right lane when you can see the bumper of the vehicle you have passed. Also look briefly over your right shoulder and make sure you can see several feet of pavement between your vehicle and the one that you have just passed.

10. What is the hand signal for a right turn?
- Left arm straight and hand extended downward
  - Left arm straight and hand extended upward
  - Right arm extended outward
  - Right arm extended outward, with index finger pointing to the right

**Answer: b.** If you need to use hand signals because your turn signal lights are not working properly, extend your left arm sideways out the driver's side window. Extend your arm upward when making a right turn. When making a left turn, keep your arm straight.

11. What should you do when you are going to enter the road from a private driveway, road, or parking lot?
- Blow your horn so other drivers let you into traffic.
  - Flash your headlights so other drivers let you into traffic.
  - Step on the gas and accelerate quickly to avoid disrupting traffic flow.
  - Give pedestrians and traffic on the road the right-of-way before entering the road.

**Answer: d.** Remember to always yield to pedestrians and to other traffic before entering the road.

12. When exiting from a divided highway, you should signal at least \_\_\_\_\_ feet before your exit ramp.
- 10
  - 100
  - 500
  - 1,000

**Answer: b.** The signal should be activated at least 100 feet before the ramp, according to suggestions from the New York Department of Motor Vehicles.

13. Most crashes happen within \_\_\_\_\_ miles of home.
- 2
  - 10
  - 20
  - 25

**Answer: d.** Most crashes happen with 25 miles of home, according to the NHTSA.

14. **True or False:** There's no need to wear a seat belt if your car has air bags, because the air bag alone is enough to protect you in a crash.

**Answer: False.** You need to wear your seat belt even in a vehicle equipped with air bags. If you don't wear your seat belt, the rapidly opening force of the air bag could kill you.

15. What's the single most important thing to do to keep yourself safe in case you're in a crash?
- Keep windows closed.
  - Turn off the radio.
  - Wear your seat belt.
  - Run the air conditioning full-blast.

**Answer: c.** Wearing your seat belt is best way to protect yourself in a crash. It keeps you from being ejected from the vehicle, which is almost always fatal.

16. The safest driving speed is:
- 45 miles per hour
  - 55 miles per hour
  - The speed limit that's posted
  - Dependent on driving conditions

**Answer: d.** The weather or poor road conditions can impact safe driving speed. If you drive too fast when conditions are hazardous you risk getting a ticket for driving at a speed that's not reasonable for conditions, even if you're not going over the speed limit.