

# DID YOU KNOW?



## FACTS:

- 1** SPEEDING ACCOUNTS FOR 1/3 OF ALL FATAL CRASHES.
- 2** A DRIVER TEXTING AT 55 MPH IS LIKE DRIVING THE LENGTH OF A FOOTBALL FIELD BLINDFOLDED.
- 3** SEAT BELTS REDUCE CRASH FATALITIES BY 45% FOR FRONT-SEAT PASSENGERS.
- 4** FLORIDA LAW REQUIRES CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD TO BE IN A PROPER CHILD SAFETY SEAT.



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## ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC LAWS & SAFETY TIPS

Speeding, distracted driving and ignoring traffic laws put lives at risk. This guide highlights key traffic violations, essential safety tips and simple steps to prevent crashes.



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# The most common traffic violations that put lives at risk include:

1. Speeding: Exceeding posted speed limits reduces reaction time and increases crash severity.
2. Aggressive Driving: Weaving through traffic and tailgating can lead to dangerous outcomes.
3. Red Light Violations: Running a red light can be fatal—always come to a complete stop.
4. Stop Sign Violations: Rolling through a stop sign is not stopping.
5. Distracted Driving: Texting, eating or multitasking behind the wheel diverts attention.
6. Blocking Intersections: Stopping in the middle of an intersection disrupts traffic flow and can delay emergency vehicles.
7. Following Too Closely: A proper distance between vehicles helps prevent rear-end crashes.
8. Improper Turns: Failing to signal or turning from the wrong lane can cause accidents.
9. Unsafe Passing: Cutting off another driver or passing in a no-pass zone is unsafe.
10. Child Restraint Violations: Properly securing children in car seats saves lives.

# Here are 10 WAYS you can prevent crashes and protect lives:

1. Slow down: Obey posted speed limits and adjust for weather and traffic conditions.
2. Move over: Florida law requires drivers to move over one lane or reduce speed by 20 MPH below the posted limit when approaching emergency vehicles.
3. Obey traffic signals: Red means stop. Yellow means slow down, not speed up.
4. Come to a full stop: Stop at the designated line before making a right turn.
5. Put the phone down: Use hands-free devices and avoid distractions.



6. Don't block intersections: Keep intersections clear to avoid congestion.
7. Maintain a safe following distance: One car length for every 10 MPH.
8. Buckle up: Seat belts save lives — every trip, every time.
9. Know the rules for hands-free devices: One-earpiece devices are allowed, but staying fully focused on driving is best.
10. Follow child restraint laws: Ensure children are secured in appropriate car seats.

