

JUST GET YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE?

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Congrats, newly minted driver!

Now you can legally drive. Next comes the high octane freedom of sitting behind your mom's minivan and the open lanes of the road. And that's when you must do what most inexperienced drivers do: use your newly gained freedom to become more of a public nuisance than Rodney King.

Using your parent's vehicle as a weapon is a long-standing tradition for new drivers, 60% of whom, according to the *Deseret News*, run over a stray dog or a mailbox in their first six weeks of driving. The other 40% back into lamp posts in parking lots.

It's not just new drivers that have the spatial sense of a two-year-old on a tricycle. All kinds of drivers wind up causing massive mayhem on our crowded streets and freeways. And if everybody from old-lady-talking-on-her-mobile-phone-who-can't-see-over-the-dash to the guy driving his lifted F450 to compensate for his private insecurities, so can you! With my *How to Wreck your Car and Your Life* DVD series, it's easy to put yourself in the hospital and your mom's Odyssey in the shop.

Ten essentials, just to get you started:

- 1) Deny the fact that you need brakes.** You don't have time to slow down. You're a teenager; subsequently, you have thousands of priorities to attend to: playing video games, gossiping on Twitter, sitting around the house doing nothing, and arguing with your parents.
- 2) Do burn-outs in the school parking lot, and make dad pay for the tires.** Burn-outs are totally cool. Girls love watching an insecure boy dump rubber smoke in the parking lot to impress everyone. It indicates he's responsible and financially savvy.
- 3) Text.** Ignore the studies that indicate that texting and driving can be just as dangerous as drinking and driving. Your best friend needs to know that Kevin is a jerk or that you had waffles for breakfast. Your arbitrary conversation is so much more important than your life and the lives of fellow motorists.
- 4) Update your Twitter account.** After all, you are the center of the universe, so people want to know what you're doing every minute of every day. "Driving on 4700 at

80mph! #yolo” Or “OMG! Almost hit a mom pushing a baby in a stroller because I was taking a selfie. #rofl #watchoutidiot”

- 5) **Take selfies while making strange face contortions behind the wheel.** Because we want to remember you for what you used to look like before your face went through the windshield and your brains splattered on the pavement.
- 6) **Drive with your knees.** How else are you going to manage to text, Tweet, take selfies, and drive all at the same time?
- 7) **Drive like you’re playing Need for Speed.** In video games, if you crash your vehicle, you and your vehicle inexplicably resurrect. The same is true in real life, so you and your friends should have a competition on who can cause the most dramatic wreck. Then just hit the reset button.
- 8) **Cram as many friends into your car as you can.** Because your friends’ parents are lame, your friends are going to have to bum rides from you and pack themselves into your car like clowns at a circus. The world record for the Volkswagen Beetle is 27 people. You and your friends can easily beat that! Just remember to take a groupie and update your Twitter account when you’ve accomplished this feat.
- 9) **Give cyclists three inches, not three feet.** Those rolling speed bumps have no right to the road anyway!
- 10) **Turn up the bass of your stereo so loud that you can’t hear traffic.** Your taste in music is so impeccable that everyone should hear your tunes. Additionally, you don’t need to hear the ambulance racing down the street to save someone’s life. After all, why should someone else’s emergence inconvenience you? Just be sure you have your phone on vibrate, so you know when your friends send you a text asking for a ride.

See, kid? You can be a fantastic driver!

So order my *How to Wreck your Car and Your Life* DVD series now, and get this cheap cardboard coffin, absolutely free!