

# DRIVE SMART SAFETY QUIZ



## How Drive Smart are you?

Take this quiz to see how much you know. The answers are at the bottom.

1. What is the leading cause of teen car accidents?
  - a. Speed
  - b. Distraction
  - c. Inexperience
  - d. Bad weather
2. What should you do if someone is tailgating your vehicle?
  - a. Slam on the breaks
  - b. Move over and let them pass
  - c. Ignore the other car completely
  - d. Speed up for the car
3. What type of crash is most likely to cause injury?
  - a. Changing lanes
  - b. Rear ending a stopped vehicle
  - c. Running a red light
  - d. Running your vehicle off the road
4. Texting while driving increases your crash risk by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 2X
  - b. 4X
  - c. 6X
  - d. 8X
5. Checking a text message while driving at 55 mph is equivalent to covering the length of a \_\_\_\_\_ while blindfolded.
  - a. City block
  - b. Football field
  - c. 5 car lengths
  - d. A high school gym
6. 55% of teen driving deaths occur on which days?
  - a. Mondays & Tuesdays
  - b. Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
  - c. Thursdays & Fridays
  - d. Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
7. The average weight of a vehicle is closest to that of a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Beluga whale
  - b. T-Rex
  - c. Black bear
  - d. None of the above

### Answers

1. (a) Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for US teens. In 2011, the CDC reported speed was a factor in 52% of fatal crashes with a teen behind the wheel.
2. (b) Move over and let them pass. Avoid tailgaters when possible by changing lanes. If you can not, then slow down and encourage the tailgater to go around you.
3. (c) According to the National Highway Traffic & Safety Administration, red light car accidents cause more fatalities than any other type of crash in our nation's cities. Drivers who run red lights cause 47% of car crashes that end up in some type of injury.
4. (b) Novice teen drivers are 4x more likely than adults to get into car crashes or near-crashes when texting. The National Institute of Health also found you're 7-8x more likely to crash reaching for your phone or other object, and 8x more likely to crash or have a near miss while dialing a phone.
5. (b) 5 seconds is the minimal amount of attention that a driver who texts takes away from the road. If traveling at 55 mph, this equals driving the length of a football field without looking at the road. Texting makes a crash up to 23 times more likely. Teens who text while driving spend 10% of the time outside their lane.
6. (d) Based on analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Fatality Analysis Reporting System ([FARS](#)), 53% of motor vehicle crash deaths among teenagers in 2016 occurred on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Teenage motor vehicle crash deaths in 2016 occurred most frequently from 9 p.m. to midnight (18 percent), followed closely by the time between 6 and 9 p.m. (16 percent) and between 3 and 6 p.m. (15 percent).
7. (a) The average weight of a mid-size car is 3500 pounds and an adult Beluga Whale weighs around 3000 pounds.