
ACCESSING SAFETY KNOWLEDGE (ASK) SHEET: *15 CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE FOUND IN BAD DRIVERS AND THEIR HABITS (6-10)*

As you look universally at driving habits and resulting accidents, there are a number of characteristics that show up often. Listed below are some of these characteristics for you to examine your own style and behavior of driving.

6. Accelerating through yellow lights.

It might be exhilarating to speed up to make it through a light, but often you don't quite make it, and you end up holding up other drivers who actually have the green light. This is a bad habit to have, as it could lead to major collisions. Some lights are longer than others, so you may think that you have time to make it when you really don't. Do the responsible thing and slow down when the light turns yellow if you have room to stop.

7. Ignoring traffic signs.

Do you blow through stop signs or fail to yield when it's required of you? Tsk tsk! Those signs are there for a reason, and even if no one is around, you should obey them. You never know when a car or pedestrian, or even the police, might come out of nowhere.

8. Not checking blind spots.

Blind spots are implicitly dangerous, but not even trying to check them is more dangerous. Drivers who don't look have a tendency to start moving over into other lanes and nearly colliding with other cars. This can cause, at the very least, anxiety and distraction and, at the most, a serious car accident. Always be sure to not only check the appropriate mirror when switching lanes, but also to glance over your shoulder to make sure the coast is clear.

9. Bad drivers are "always" rubbernecking! They never met a distraction they did not seek!

A bad driver is not always prepared for whatever happens on the road. Sometimes they find an accident has happened and, instead of opening the way to ease traffic or pulling over to check out what happened, they're the type who stop in the middle of the road to see what happened. This is annoying because, in most cases, such drivers are just being nosy, yet they cannot do anything about it and cannot help the situation be any better. They are better off calling the police to deal with it, but they do not. So you find people honking their horns or insulting them to get out of the way or keep moving.

10. Bad drivers act like the road belongs to them. They are the king/queen!

To a bad driver, the road belongs to him and him alone, which means he makes the rules as he drives, regardless of the laws or other drivers. There are so many signs that need to be obeyed. Yet, the bad driver somehow does not see them – it's like he only sees what's in it for him or what he must have. It makes you think that as a kid, he was the type who would throw tantrums to get whatever he wanted, or he was a bully and nobody dealt with such horrible behavior, so he grew up thinking he was always right. Only a bad driver will jump the red light and ignore speed limits and other important road signs.