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## ACCESSING SAFETY KNOWLEDGE (ASK) SHEET:

### ***TYPES OF DRIVERS ON THE ROAD – WHICH TYPE ARE YOU? (6-10)***

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There are a wide variety of drivers on the road. As wide as there are personalities. Do you recognize yourself in any of these?

6. **The Pop Star** – Ever looked over and seen another driver car dancing, air guitaring, and faux drumming away? You have witnessed the pop star driver. These drivers are not so much of a threat so long as they keep their eyes on the road and don't use their hands as microphones. The next time you pull up to stop and encounter a pop star driver on the road, we recommend enjoying the view. They're actually pretty fun to watch.
7. **The DJ** - While most people enjoy listening to good tunes while they drive, the DJ takes this love to an ear-shattering level. Feel the ground move as you walk down the street? It's not an earthquake, it's the DJ blaring death metal, the Hip-hop bass booms, or loud thunders of electro music designed for everyone in neighboring counties to hear.
8. **The Weaver** – Though exhibiting many of the same characteristics as an angry driver, the weaver is less upset and more impatient. If traffic isn't moving fast enough for them, their first reaction is to change lanes before giving it time to pick up. In fact, rarely do they spend more than a few miles in a single lane. This constant weaving in and out of traffic is hazardous to both themselves and everyone around them, as it makes them unlikely to wait for oncoming vehicles to pass.

Due to weavers' unpredictability, it's recommended that you stay where you are and remain cautious if you notice one driving near you. You'll need to react quickly if they swerve in front of you. As such, it's best that you stay in your established lane with a reasonable-sized gap between you and the vehicle in front of you.

9. **The Multi-tasker** – The multi-tasker is one who participates in other activities while driving. Some of these activities include texting, talking on the phone, doing their makeup, or eating. These activities divert their attention from the road and can shorten their reaction time in a dangerous situation. As a result, they can cause accidents that could have easily been avoided if they had just put their items away.

The best way to avoid an accident with one of these drivers is to remain wary around them. If you notice someone driving while distracted, it's crucial that you take measures to keep your vehicle away from theirs. When they swerve, you need to be prepared to do the same in order to keep yourself safe. Because of the level of hypervigilance involved in driving near a multi-tasker, many drivers decide to pull into a different lane or slow down to avoid them entirely.

10. **The Distracted Driver** – These drivers are always multi-tasking as if they have the ability to do everything at once. You can find them texting, making calls, eating or drinking, or browsing on Facebook while driving. Many of them are young drivers and are usually involved in car crashes.

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