10 Common Causes of Car Accidents. Jul 2020

According to the NZ Transport Agency, with data collected through their Crash Analysis Systems (CAS), nearly 12,500 people were injured through car accidents in 2016 alone. Sadly, this resulted in 328 fatalities.

Read the 10 common causes of accidents and fill in the gaps with the words in the box below.

1. Speeding

Speeding is one of the _____ causes of fatal car crashes. The faster a car is traveling, the greater the impact will be in an accident. Even traveling 10 kms above the speed limit can increase the risk of a crash.

2. Drunk Driving

Driving while drunk is not only irresponsible – it's a main cause of road accidents. If you want to be a considerate driver make sure you only ____ when you're completely sober.

3. Distracted Driving

Distractions can occur both inside and _____ the car – which is why it's important to always stay focused on the road ahead.

4. Not driving to the conditions

A change in weather conditions means adjusting your driving style when driving on the road. Drive with extra _____ when the roads are wet, and in heavy rain.

5. Running stop signs and red lights

No matter the time of day or how urgently you might need to be somewhere, _____ drive through a red light, stop sign or give way sign when you shouldn't.

6. Unsafe lane changing

The road rules say you must indicate 3 seconds _____ changing lanes – this gives other drivers time to notice what you're going to do, and adjust their speed or approach when you are changing lanes. Not all drivers will be careful or alert, so take the time to indicate properly to avoid a car accident.

7. Tailgating

Driving too close to another car is likely to _____ an accident over time.

8. Road Rage

Road rage is another cause of distraction, taking your focus _____ from the road and makes you less aware of what is happening around you.

9. Tyre Blowouts

Regular car maintenance is important to keep your vehicle running smoothly and _____ on the road.

10. Loose objects in cars

A sudden change in _____ can cause loose objects to move quickly in your car. Keep your car clean of objects to make your vehicle safer for you and everyone on the road.

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