

Safe Driving Film Script

Narrator

For all of you who think you're a safe driver...remember – as long as there are other vehicles on the road there is no such thing as a safe driver.

Every time you get behind the wheel, ask yourself...is my behaviour safe?

Expect the unexpected.

Drive at a speed that lets you cope with whatever may happen.

Do yourself a favour, remember, accidents are not random.

You really can't see between parked cars.

Your brakes might not be as good as you think they are...likewise your reactions.

There's a reason for the speed limit, it's not a suggested minimum.

Hit a child at 35mph and they're twice as likely to die than if they were hit at 30.

Country roads are not safer than city ones, people speed and overtake.

If you can't see what's ahead don't take a chance.

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In built up areas there are more pedestrians, they account for a quarter of all road deaths. (RAGB 2001)

Being knocked over is the biggest single cause of death for 12-16 year olds.

Big kids don't always look where they're going... they have other things on their minds.

So do little ones.

Cycle lanes are for cyclists
And cyclists can wobble.

Bus lanes are for buses...

...unless you want to pay the fine.

You can pay parking fines and speeding fines too– but you don't have to.

Each year a motoring offence is committed by every second vehicle on the road – that's 13 and a half million tickets.

Company vehicle drivers make nearly 2 million insurance claims a year.

Will your company keep on paying?

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Amber means 'get ready to stop',
Not 'you can just make it'

Motorways are boring
Being bored makes you tired.

Sleep doesn't come without warning.
Don't fight it by winding down the window
Or turning up the music

It won't work.

Stop, give yourself a break

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Don't read a map or fiddle with the satnav while you drive.
Or tune the radio, or search for your favourite CD.

Don't use the mobile unless you are immobile.
You're 4 times more likely to have an accident.
Even a hands-free will take your mind off the road -it's as dangerous as drinking and driving.

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Don't drive too close.
That "Baby on Board" sticker isn't inviting you to take a closer look.

Getting angry won't make traffic jams disappear, nothing will - so relax.

If someone cuts you up or makes a mistake...well, everyone's human. Be divine -forgive them.

Horns are to warn, not to intimidate.

Old people take their time.
So do young ones.

The most dangerous thing you can be behind the wheel is a man.

Men are twice as likely as women to be involved in a fatal road accident.

They commit 89% of all driving offences.

Men take more risks.

It's not all bad – women have the same amount of accidents, they just tend to have them at slower speeds.

And women are more likely to forget their basic car maintenance.

Remember, accidents are not random.

Stopping distances are greater than you think.

Rain and ice can make them even longer

Rain can make them twice as long and ice can be black...and invisible.

Fog should make you slow down, not speed up.

Dusk is dangerous, so is dawn.

Bright sun can dazzle – winter or summer.

Four out of ten road deaths occur in darkness even though far fewer people drive at night.

Be considerate,

Signal lane changes

Don't hog the middle lane - move over.

Indicating is not giving the game away.

Braking is not a sign of weakness, nor is giving way to others and it doesn't cost anything to put the lights on.

Look after your vehicle

Make sure it's roadworthy.

Remember, it may belong to the company but your life belongs to you,

Look after that too.

Your seatbelt will save your life, but only if you wear it.

Never, ever have 'one for the road'
But, be aware somebody else may have and they could be driving
on the same road as you.

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Expect the unexpected,
Some drivers may be nervous or lost.

Learners can do strange things... you did when you were one.

Dogs run off
So do children.

Tyres burst.

Every day the roads get more crowded.

Drivers who drive for work are almost twice as likely to be
involved in an accident as anyone else.
Driving is now the most dangerous work around – as dangerous as
coal mining or deep-sea fishing.

Six people are killed and 165 are injured in driving accidents at
their own workplace every month.

Don't put yourself under pressure.
Don't put others under pressure.

There are 10 deaths a day on Britain's roads, 3 of them are work-
related.

Nobody really minds if you are 5 minutes late - better late than never.

Better late than 'dead on time'.

A 5-mile trip taken at 30mph takes 3 minutes longer than one at 40mph.

Who needs 3 minutes that much?

Maybe you do, people driving for work drive around 10mph faster than anyone else.

Just spending time on the road makes you vulnerable even if you only drive to and from the office. LGV drivers are more likely to be involved in serious crashes.

Every time you get behind the wheel remember

This is not a game.

Ask yourself a question.

"Is my behaviour safe?"

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