

Cheat Sheet to Avoid Losing My License

Drugs, alcohol and stupidity.

Do we really need to tell you not to drink or experiment with drugs while driving? You're smarter than that. There is never a time or a place for it behind the wheel.

Can't drive the speed limit?

Sure you can, especially if the lives of your family and friends depend on it. And, one or two tickets can increase your rates radically, which is so not cool! Not only will it tick off your parents, but we know you'd rather be spending your hard earned cash on tunes, clothes, and hair gel!

Wear your seat belt.

Ya, we know, they're a major chafe, especially in summer when you're driving around half naked, but strap itch is nothing compared to stitches. In an accident, your risk of serious injury or death is reduced by 60% if you're wearing a seat belt. Everyone in the car needs to be belted.

Can I drive your car?

Repeat after us: "No, you can't drive my car because I'm the one responsible if you crash. So don't ask!"

Defense, defense, defense driving, rah!

Be alert! The world needs more lerts! The other person might be high, stupid, reading a book, putting on make-up, yakking on a cell phone or all of the above—all at the same time! Sheesh! What is wrong with people? And don't be one of those idiots. As tempting as chili-cheese fries can be, don't eat them while driving, or comb your hair, or text your friends. The fact is, drivers become most dangerous when they try to do things other than driving. Distractions can be deadly.

Driving and crying.

Your feelings affect how you drive. Don't drive angry, don't drive upset, don't flip people off 'cause they might be freaks with guns—or worse, your coach or principal! Too embarrassing!

Use the Two-Second Rule

No, we're not talking about the Five-Second Rule. To avoid following too close, use the Two-Second Rule. Pick a stationary object. Just as the rear bumper of the car in front of you passes that object, start counting "one-one thousand, two-one thousand." If your front bumper passes the object before you finish counting, you're too close. And, more space is even better.

Don't drive like a maniac!

Sorry, your parents made us put in this last one.

