



# Loss Control Insight

## Not So Bright Driving Ideas

Sometimes it's what we think as much as what we do that gets us into trouble. That is the case with some of our driving habits, when our not-so-bright ideas can lead directly to accidents and injuries.

### Have you ever found yourself thinking any of these accident-provoking thoughts?

- If I "floor it" I can make this yellow light.
- I won't bother with the seat belt. I'm only going a few blocks.
- I'm okay to drive – I've only had a couple of drinks.
- Nothing is more important than getting to this meeting on time.
- Never mind the weather. If the speed limit says 60, I'm going to drive 60.
- With this four-wheel drive, I can stop on a dime.
- I make better time when I drive at night, because there's no traffic to slow me down.
- I can't stand people who drive too slowly. I just can't wait to get around them.
- If he doesn't get off my tail, I'm going to hit the brakes just to teach him a lesson!
- The only way I am going to get across this intersection is to make my left turn after the light turns red.
- I've been driving for 20 years and haven't had an accident yet.
- I'll just hold the baby in my lap until she stops crying.
- I know how to drive a car, so I am sure I can handle towing a trailer.
- I never let anyone get the better of me at a four-way stop.
- Those pedestrians will just have to fend for themselves. After all, who is going to lose in a collision, me or them?
- I don't believe in driving with my lights on in the daytime. I might forget to turn them off when I stop.
- I have to beat this train or else I'll have to sit and wait for 97 boxcars to roll by.
- I'm going to teach that obnoxious driver a lesson.
- I can't see behind me, but if I back up really slowly, the other traffic will have time to stop.
- I can't afford to get new tires right now.
- I have the right-of-way, so look out!



Can you relate to any of these ... most of us can! These are just some examples of the kind of thinking that leads to traffic accidents. When you are driving, be aware of your "attitude" and make sure you stay safety-conscious.