

## Car Safety

Car safety is the avoidance of car accidents or the minimization of harmful effects of accidents, in particular as pertaining to human life and health. Special safety features have been built into cars for years, some for the safety of car's occupants only, some for the safety of others.

Road traffic injuries represent about 25% of worldwide injury-related deaths (the leading cause) with an estimated 1.26 million deaths in 2000 (Peden 2002).

Major factors in accidents include driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs; inattentive driving; driving while fatigued or unconscious; encounters with road hazards such as snow, potholes, and crossing animals; or reckless driving.

### Questions Related to the Topic

1. Define car safety.
2. How many were the estimated deaths caused by traffic accidents in 2000?
3. What were the common causes of car accidents?

### Let's Talk More!

1. How old were you when you first learned to drive? Was there anything difficult about learning to drive?
2. How long did it take you to learn to drive?
3. What are the advantages of owning a car? What are the disadvantages of owning a car?
4. Have you ever been in a car accident? What happened?
5. Have you ever been pulled over by the police? What was the reason?
6. Are the drivers in the country where you live good drivers? Why do you think so?

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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