

# Accident Avoidance

# Objectives:

- 1. Students will be able to explain the causes of most common accidents.
- 2. Students will be able to recognize dangerous situations.
- 3. Students will be able to understand alternatives and hints on accident avoidance.

# WELCOME

- The Goal of Drivers Education is to make YOU a safe and efficient driver!
- I want you to be SAFE!



- So, What do you think are the most common accidents in America?



# Accidents

- 1. Tailgating
- 2. Failure to yield
- 3. Fatigue
- 4. Rubbernecking
- 5. Distractions
- 6. Speeding
- 7. Backing



# Tailgating!

- What is tailgating?

# Tailgating

- Tailgating is following too close to the vehicle in front of you.
- Two major problems
  - 1. Does not provide enough room to stop!
  - 2. Can cause road rage!

# Tail-gating!!!



# Tailgating

- Avoidance:

- 3 second rule!!!

# Tailgating

- Step 1: Find a stationary target that the vehicle in front of you passes and start counting.
- Step 2: If you pass that same object within three seconds then you are TOO close!
- Step 3: Slow down if needed.

# Failure to yield or stop.



## Failure to yield or stop.

- What do you think is so hard about stopping or yielding?
- Why do you think that there are so many accidents?

Sometimes they can be confusing!



# Failure to yield or stop.

- Avoidance: Remember the two rules of this class.
  - 1. Be a courteous Driver
  - 2. Be a safe Driver.



# Failure to yield or stop.

- BE Patient!
- Come to complete stops.
- Always check right of way.
- Proceed safely at all intersections.

Failure to stop can lead to:



## Fatigue

- Has anyone had an experience when they were in a car and the driver fell asleep?
- Can this cause serious problems?

# How can one avoid fatigue?



# Fatigue

- 1. Good nights rest before driving.
- 2. Avoid driving at night.
- 3. Turn up radio and roll down windows.
- 4. Take breaks every hour or two.
- 5. Keep eyes moving.
- 6. Something that works for you! (Ice)

Bad things happen when you fall asleep:



# Rubbernecking:

- What is rubbernecking?
- When does it usually happen?

WOW!



I HATE  
RUBBERNECKERS!



# Rubbernecking

- Avoidance:
- Remember as the driver you are responsible for the car and those that are inside it!

# Rubbernecking

- 1. Keep eyes on the road!
- 2. Watch the car in front of you (they stop suddenly sometimes)
- 3. If you want to look at scenery or something it is safer to pull over and look once car is parked!

# KEEP EYES ON ROAD



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# Distractions

- Why are distractions so dangerous?
- What are some of the most common distractions in driving?

# Distractions



# Common Distracti

- 1. Cell Phones
- 2. Radio
- 3. Others in the car
- 4. Mood
- 5. Other cars
- 6. Scenery



# How to avoid them?

Avoid the temptation!

- Pull over to eat (don't eat while driving)
- Have others in the car make a telephone call, or use an ear piece.
- Keep focused on driving.
- Adjust radio/CD and ventilation before you start driving.
- Do not try to multi-task while driving.

Disturbance caused by this to houses



## Speeding:

- Can someone be speeding when they are going below the posted speed limit?



YES

- When?



# Speeding

- You can be speeding when:
  - You are over the posted speed limit.
  - When weather conditions are bad and you are traveling too fast for the certain conditions.

# Speeding:

## • Avoidance:

- Be patient!
- Leave well ahead of time when traveling.
- Make good judgments about traffic conditions in bad weather.

# Speeding



Where is the other part of this car?



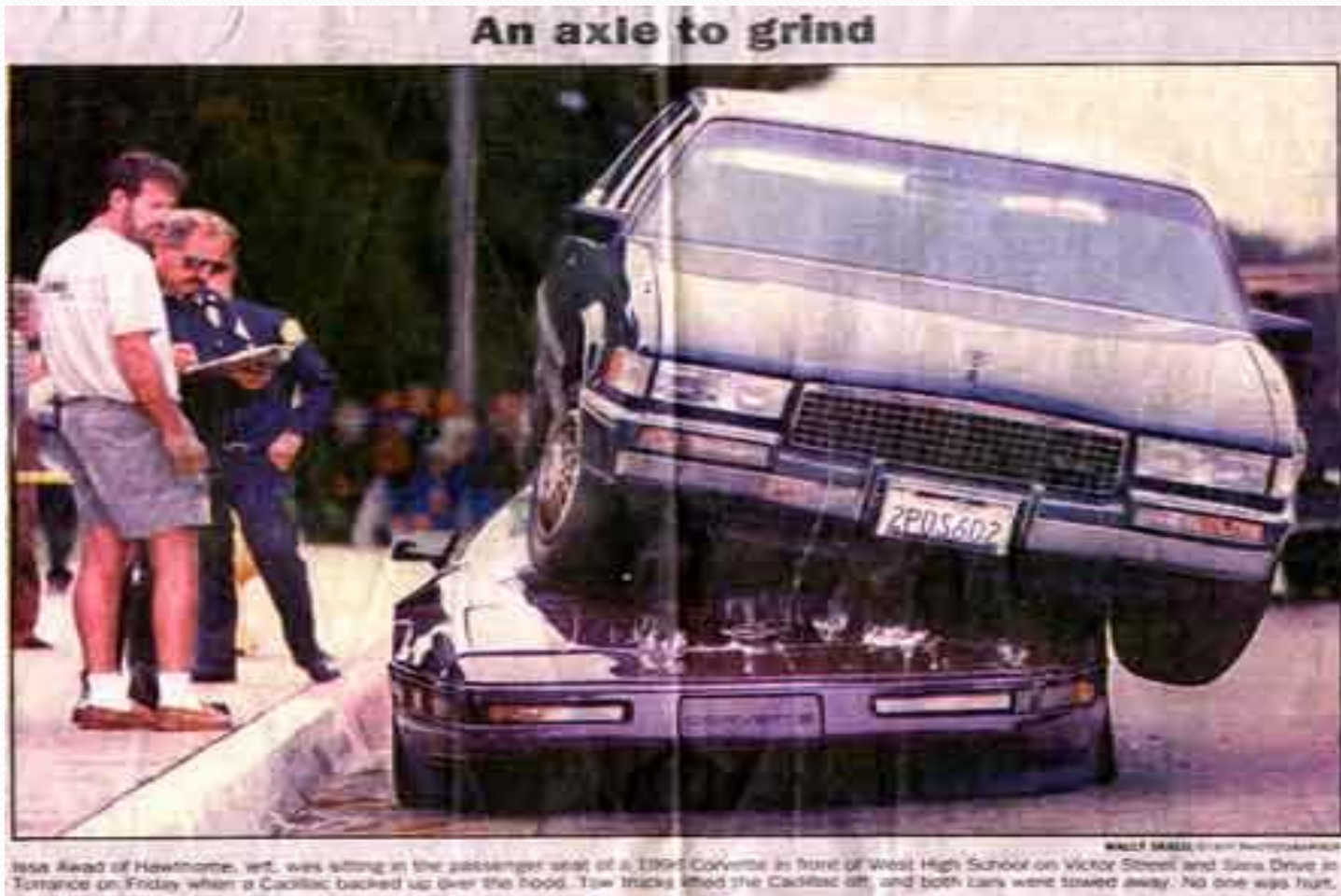
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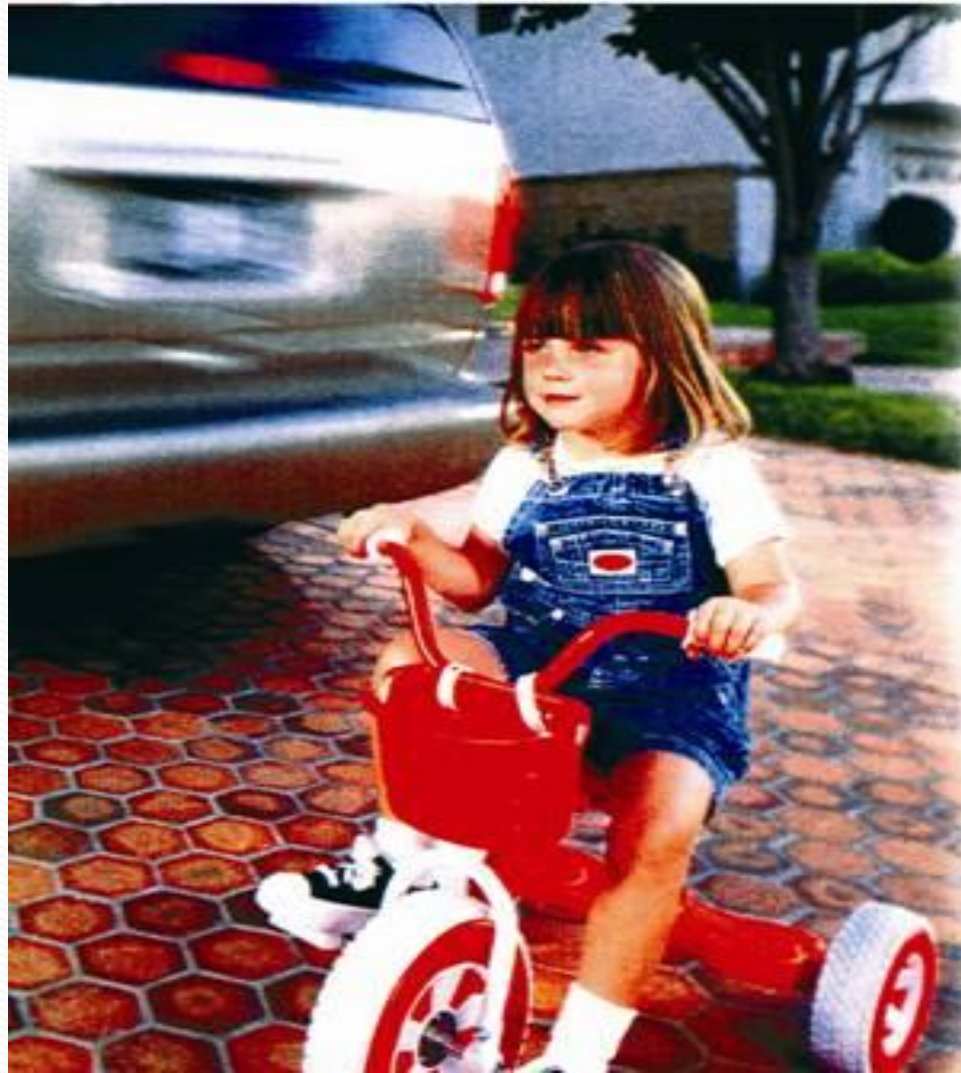
# Backing

- What accidents happen when some one is backing?
- What is most common mistake made when backing?

# Backing



# Backing



# Backing

- ALWAYS look around your car when getting in.
- Use your mirrors and check blind spots.
- Always look in the direction that you are backing!

# WATCH for Children!



## Summary:

- This presentation was to inform you about the basic accidents that you might see on the road.

## Summary:

- Remember what you learned and always drive defensively. Do not get Dead!

# Avoid this



BE SAFE!





**The End**