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Rear-End Auto Crashes Top Cause of Accidents

The number one automobile accident cause in the United States is rear-end collisions. They account for one out of every 10 traffic mishaps, rate as the leading cause of deaths and injuries on expressways and turnpikes, where cars speed in packs.

According to data from a recent traffic accident survey compiled by one of the nation's leading automobile insurance firms—these are the major factors behind the growing number of rear-end crashes:

1. **EXPRESSWAYS.** Normally three times safer than ordinary roads, they breed rear-end collisions for several reasons.

One is their fostering of "highway hypnosis." Higher speeds are also a factor. At 50 to 60 miles an hour, drivers are apt to maintain between-car intervals that were suitable for 30 miles-an-hour.

A false sense of security is a further hazard. Emergency situations are less likely on super highways. It is the turnpike straightaway, however, on which most rear-end crashes occur.

There, rather than on hills or curves, most motorists elect to stop. There, also, drivers tend to increase speed and become less attentive.

2. **NIGHT.** Nearly two-thirds of all traffic deaths occur after dark. Some drivers, affected by drowsiness or turnpike hypnosis even have followed a vehicle's tail light as it pulled over to the shoulder of the road, then realized too late it was stopping.

Motorists also readily "overdrive" their headlights. The rate of speed should always permit a car to stop within headlight range.

3. **BAD WEATHER.** This is especially significant, particularly the hazards inherent in fog, which are regularly underestimated.

It is rain, however, which usually creates the most rear-end collisions.

4. **BETWEEN-CAR** distances. This is perhaps the leading cause of rear-end collisions—following too closely.

As translated in most states, the correct distance between cars means at least one car length (15 feet) for every 10 miles an hour of speed.

THE TRAFFIC INSTITUTE at Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., is widely engaged in cataloguing the emotional factors of drivers involved in auto accidents.

Harvard Medical School, at Cambridge, Mass., is searching for helpful clues for better safety by analyzing the life histories of a number of drivers involved in fatal highway crashes. These are only two of many similar projects.

EVERY HIGHWAY accident involved three elements: the driver, their vehicles, and their environment, or "driving situation." Important among these is the drinking driver, involved in more than half of the fatal accidents over the past 10 years. Recent research has been able to pinpoint the ratio of danger to the degree of alcohol consumption. The driver with an alcohol blood content of 0.15 per cent by weight, likely after perhaps six bottles of beer, is 10 times as apt to have an accident as the one who has drunk only a third as much.

PHYSIOLOGICAL factors are also important in auto accident causes. Excessive smoking can sometimes effect both vision and general alertness, especially in high altitudes or under conditions of faulty ventilation.

EVEN THOUGH mature drivers, in general, tend to be safer than young ones, advancing years bring some problems for motorists. These are the subjects of several special government and private studies.

For example, the amount of light required to see a dimly-lit object doubles, among adults, every 13 years. And since the average age-level of the population is rising, and already two-thirds of fatal auto accidents happen in the dark or near-dark, the light requirements of older drivers are having a big bearing on the illumination of new highways.

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Worker Hurt In Trailer Fire At Hotel Site

SOUTHFIELD — A 42-year-old construction worker was in serious condition Wednesday morning at William Beaumont Hospital from burns suffered in a trailer fire at the rear of the partially constructed new Stouffer's Hotel, Northland.

The fire broke out at 7:15 Wednesday morning.

Joseph DiPonio of Detroit suffered first, second and possible third degree burns to the face, neck and extremities.

FIREMEN SAID the fire was confined to an 8 x 12 foot trailer used for tool storage and also by workmen employed in the construction of the new hotel. They said DiPonio threw kerosene into a small heating stove in the trailer.

DiPonio's clothing caught fire as the flames flared out from the stove.

THERE WAS heavy loss to tools in the trailer, firemen said. The Southfield fire department brought the fire under control in 15 minutes.

Council Petitions Due on Feb. 19 For Lathrup Race

LATHRUP—The terms of three council members in Lathrup will expire this year. They are Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Mitchell and Councilmen John Kohl and Vincent Zatell.

This year's election will be held April 2 with nominating petition deadline set for Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. Nominating petitions may be filed beginning Feb. 5, with the city clerk. The forms are available at the city hall.

THE TWO COUNCIL candidates getting the highest number of votes will hold office for two years; the third highest will hold office for one year.

Voters who wish to register must do so by March 2. They may register at the city hall, 19600 Forest Drive, on Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30.

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