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## The UK's most dangerous drivers... Who are they and where will you find them?

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### THE UK'S MOST COMMON ROAD ACCIDENTS

All accidents that are reportable must be within the road, but not they include acts of crime, or any other public places and vehicles with Blue Badges.

Your Legal Friend analysed 18,000 of their robust reports to find out

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#### GENDER

70% of drivers who cause a road accident are male

59% of victims of road accidents are also male

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#### AGE

30% of drivers who cause an accident are aged 16-29

32% of victims of road accidents are aged 16-29

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#### DATE

ROAD ACCIDENTS ARE MOST LIKELY TO OCCUR ON FRIDAYS AND IN JULY

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#### VEHICLES

The top 10 vehicles involved in causing accidents

1. PASSENGER CAR	11. MOTORCYCLE
2. VAN	12. TRUCK
3. MOTORCYCLE	13. MOTORCYCLE
4. PASSENGER CAR	14. PASSENGER CAR
5. PASSENGER CAR	15. PASSENGER CAR
6. PASSENGER CAR	16. PASSENGER CAR
7. PASSENGER CAR	17. PASSENGER CAR
8. PASSENGER CAR	18. PASSENGER CAR
9. PASSENGER CAR	19. PASSENGER CAR
10. PASSENGER CAR	20. PASSENGER CAR

The top 10 vehicles involved in being victims of an accident

1. PASSENGER CAR	11. PASSENGER CAR
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#### TYPES OF CRASH

THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF CRASH IN THE UK IS BEING HIT FROM THE REAR, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 38% OF COLLISIONS

OTHER MOST COMMON ACCIDENTS INCLUDE

- JUNCTION COLLISION (LVL)
- ROUNDABOUT COLLISION (LVL)
- REVERSING INTO A COLLISION (LVL)
- ACCIDENT WHILE CHANGING LANES (LVL)
- CONVERGING COLLISION (LVL)
- ACCIDENT IN CARPARK (LVL)

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#### LOCATION

These are the locations with the highest proportion of road accidents

1. WILFAX
2. BRADFORD
3. COVENTRY
4. ST ALBANS
5. BIRMINGHAM
6. WALTHAM CROSS
7. POOLE
8. BARKING
9. BARROW

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#### SOURCES

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#### METHODOLOGY

Law firm Your Legal Friend analysed 18,000 of its own road traffic accident cases to find the most common trends.

Your Legal Friend

Watch out for Johns in your blindspot: The UK's most dangerous



drivers, places and situations revealed...

July proves to be the most dangerous month for motorists, with 9% of all accidents taking place that month, while April is the safest with only 7.25%.

Law firm Your Legal Friend ( <https://www.yourlegalfriend.com/> ) reported that the most common incident is being hit from the rear, accounting for 38% of all accidents.

Men named John are the most likely to cause accidents, while females named Sarah are most likely to be involved in and cause road accidents.

New research from law firm Your Legal Friend delves into the statistics of recent road accidents within England and Wales, highlighting the most dangerous drivers on our roads.

The research examined factors such as the vehicles, genders and age demographics involved in road accidents, as well as the dates and times that the most and least accidents take place. The research revealed that 7% of accidents resulted in no injuries, with neck injuries (74%) as the most common trauma, followed by back injuries (59%).

While there is a common misconception that age is a detrimental factor when it comes to road accidents, the study also revealed that drivers are most likely to cause an accident are at the age of 30. However, it was also revealed that drivers are more likely to be on the receiving end of the accident at the age of 32, making your early thirties the most dangerous time to be out on the road.

## Wrong Place, Wrong Time

While the climate and weather does sometimes play a large role in road conditions, April was reported as the safest month on the roads with only 7.25% of all accidents, while July was the most dangerous month, with 9% of all accidents happening this month.

Sundays proved to be the least chaotic day of the week, with less accidents than any other day. Fridays are the peak time for road accidents, as drivers rush home after the working



week.

The most dangerous time to be on the road was 5-6p.m. in the evening on any day.

The research also revealed that the highest proportion of road accidents took place in Halifax, followed by Liverpool, Coventry, Barking and St Albans.

## Which Models Should You Look Out For?

Ford cars proved to be the most accident-prone car brand with one involved in 16% of all accidents, Ford Fiesta Zetec models are the most common cars to be involved in an accident.

## The 10 car models most likely to cause an accident are:

1. Ford - Fiesta
2. Mercedes Benz - Sprinter
3. Ford - Focus
4. Ford - KA
5. Vauxhall - Corsa
6. DAF Trucks - LF
7. Volvo - FH
8. DAF Trucks - CF
9. Renault - Clio
10. DAF - XF



The 10 cars most likely to fall victim to an accident are:

1. Ford - Fiesta
2. Ford - Focus
3. Audi - A3
4. Mercedes Benz - Sprinter
5. Volkswagen - Golf
6. Ford - Ka
7. Renault - Clio
8. Citroën - DS3
9. Vauxhall - Corsa
10. Vauxhall - Astra

## Are Women Really Bad Drivers?

Refuting the age-old jokes around women drivers, the research found that men caused 70% of accidents. The research also revealed that:

Men with the name John were found to be the most likely to cause road accidents, while Davids were the most likely to be victims in accidents, followed closely by men named Paul. For women drivers, unlucky women named Sarah not only proved to be the most likely to cause accidents, but also to be involved in accidents that were not their fault.

‘At one point or another, most people have experienced that heart-breaking moment of their





first road accident. This study has revealed some rather interesting statistics, challenging a few common misconceptions about drivers in society today', said Philip Waters, a Solicitor from Your Legal Friend. " These facts challenge stereotypes around women drivers and the elderly on the road, showing that men in their early thirties are the most likely to cause, and be involved in, road accidents. While no two drivers are the same, it would seem over-confidence on the road can be the most harmful trait for anyone, and that all drivers should ensure that safety is their first priority while out and about."

So, whether you're looking to see if you're likely to cause an accident or which drivers to avoid on the roads, check out our interactive tool [here](#), or read through a breakdown of the statistics in this graphic.