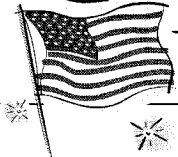




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Distracted driving

Pokémon Go -- Arrive alive, don't play and drive!

While some players are reporting that Pokémon won't appear if you're moving faster than 20 mph, many players are still attempting to check into Pokéstops or otherwise engage with the game while driving. Some have even said that they have seen Pokémon on their dashboards.

The game prohibits a player from collecting Pokémon at speeds above 10 mph, but you can search for Pokémon at any speed. So a player could find a Pokémon in a car and then slow down or stop to catch it.

"The car has become the place to play, [a] car makes it easier, faster and completely unexpected," John Ayers, the lead author of a study and a research professor at San Diego State University said. "This is very different from a phone call and text messages. With Pokémon Go, you have to be immersed in the screen."

Not only is it unwise to play this game or any other while driving or otherwise in motion, drivers now need to pay more attention than ever to the roads to make sure they don't harm Pokémon-seeking pedestrians.

Teenage girl in Texas killed by exploding Takata air bag

An exploding Takata air bag has claimed another life, this time a 17-year-old girl whose car crashed near Houston.

The girl is the latest victim of malfunctioning air bag inflators that have killed 10 people in the U.S. and another in Malaysia, touching off the largest automotive recall in U.S. history. More than 100 people have been hurt by the inflators, which can explode with too much force, blowing apart a metal canister and sending shards into drivers and passengers.

So far 14 automakers have recalled 24 million U.S. vehicles to replace the inflators, which are powered

by the chemical ammonium nitrate. Scientists hired by a consortium of automakers have determined that prolonged exposure to airborne moisture and high temperatures can cause the chemical to deteriorate. The inflator canisters also can allow moisture to enter in areas with extreme humidity.

Car owners can go to www.safercar.gov and key in their vehicle identification number to check for any unrepaired recalls.



Motor vehicle fatalities up 9 percent.....no sign of a decrease in 2016

Aug. 23, 2016 News provided by National Safety Council

If trend continues, U.S. may see its deadliest driving year since 2007 and deadliest Labor Day since 2008.

Preliminary estimates from the National Safety Council indicate motor vehicle deaths were 9 percent higher through the first six months of 2016 than in 2015, and 18 percent higher than two years ago at the six month mark. An estimated 19,100 people have been killed on U.S. roads since January – enough to fill 382 school buses – and 2.2 million were seriously injured. The total estimated cost of these deaths and injuries is \$205 billion.

The upward trend began in late 2014. Last winter, the National Safety Council issued its largest year-over-year percentage increase in 50 years, when it estimated fatalities had jumped 8 percent in 2015 compared to 2014. The continued rise in fatalities is prompting the Council to predict the deadliest Labor Day holiday period since 2008. NSC estimates 438 people will be killed during the three-day holiday weekend. (Note: No statistics were available at the time of print regarding actual number of deaths nationwide over the 2016 Labor Day Weekend.)

Motorists illegally passing school buses

By one estimate, American drivers illegally passed school buses more than 13 million times last year. On average, roughly eight kids a year are killed by drivers who ignore school bus stop signs, reports CBS News.

At least 15 states allow cameras to be mounted outside school buses to record motorists illegally passing. Last January, Austin, Texas added cameras - on both the front and back of the buses - which automatically record whether nearby cars come to a stop for the kids.

Every day, school police review videos of violators. The fine is \$300. In four months, they sent citations to 6,600 motorists.

"That was a very significant number. It was shocking," said Austin Independent School District Police Chief Eric Mendez. "That's a lot of violators in a very short time period."

"That's somebody's baby. Every one of those kids is somebody's baby. And it's my responsibility as a driver to make sure that every one of those kids gets home safely."

The citations last year in Austin generated nearly \$2 million in fines, which was split 60-40 between the camera company and the school district.

Critics complain these cameras are more about making money than finding ways to keep kids safe.

Below is link to an Austin TV station of actual footage of drivers ignoring school bus regulations and hitting students.

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/after-more-than-900-citations-in-first-week-of-school-aisd-reminding-drivers-to-watch-for-kids/312590754>

AAA Study: Road Rage on the rise

WASHINGTON (CBS Miami / AP) -- A new survey says most drivers are guilty of losing their cool behind the wheel.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety says nearly 8 out of 10 U.S. drivers it surveyed admit expressing anger, aggression or road rage at least once in the previous year. That includes either following too closely, yelling at another driver, cutting them off or making angry gestures. And an estimated 8 million drivers did something more serious, like bumping or ramming a vehicle on purpose or getting out of their cars to confront another driver.

Male drivers and drivers between 19 and 39 were significantly more likely to engage in aggressive behaviors.

The survey also found drivers in the northeast are angrier than those in other parts of the country.

AAA offers tips like never cause another driver to change their speed or direction. Be tolerant, the other driver could be having a really bad day and don't respond with eye contact or gestures, that can only escalate the situation.

Drug and alcohol crash risk study

A new study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the largest and most carefully controlled of its kind to date, examines the crash risk associated with alcohol and drug use by drivers. The study used a case-control methodology, a research method commonly used in medicine and social science for studying risk factors for disease or other negative outcomes.

The effect of driver impairment on crash risk is a complex issue and precise answers are beyond the reach of any single study design. However this new study is an important step in

the accumulation of scientific evidence on this critical issue.

ALCOHOL FINDINGS

The study found that alcohol use by drivers was clearly associated with elevated risk of crash involvement.

--Drivers who had been drinking at the .08 breath alcohol concentration (BrAC) had about 4 times the risk of crashing as sober drivers. (Note: The .08 BrAC and blood alcohol concentration (BAC) are the per se legal limit in every state.)

--Drivers with alcohol levels at .15 BrAC had 12 times the risk.

DRUG FINDINGS

Drivers participating in the study were tested for a large number of potentially impairing drugs using both oral fluid (saliva) and blood samples. Marijuana (THC) was the only single category of drug for which study findings reached statistical significance.

Drivers testing positive for THC were overrepresented in the crash-involved (case) population. However, when demographic factors (age and gender) and alcohol use were controlled, the study did not find an increase in population-based crash risk associated with THC use.

Retrain

The retrain class agenda changes every September 1st. Classes are scheduled within the 12-month period beginning September each year. Every licensed instructor must attend **ONE** class during the 12-month period beginning September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2017.

AUSTIN

USA HQ, 8871 Tallwood Dr.
All classes are 10am - 12noon

Oct. 28, 2016 (Fri.) 9 -11 am*

Dec. 9, 2016 (Fri.)

Feb. 10, 2017 (Fri.)

Apr. 7, 2017 (Fri.)

June 9, 2017 (Fri.)

**Revised Date/Time*

HOUSTON

Greenway Mediation Center,
3207 Mercer

Jan 29, 2017 (Sun), 4pm - 6 pm

Golden Corral Restaurant
16308 FM 529

Apr. 22, 2017 (Sat.), 8:30 am - 10:30 am

BEAUMONT

BCD Driving School, 1060 S 4th St.
Feb. 19, 2017 (Sun.), 2 pm - 4 pm

KILLEEN

Killeen Driving School,
3810 Trimmier Rd., Ste 500
Oct 8, 2016 (Sat.), 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

SAN ANGELO

City Hall
72 W. College Ave
Dec. 9, 2016 (Fri.), 2 pm - 4 pm

TYLER

China King, 4542 S. Broadway
Oct. 16, 2016 (Sun.), 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Cost is \$10 if you pre-register with a reservation form. Registration form & payment must be received by USA Headquarters no later than one week prior to scheduled class. If you do not have a reservation form, contact USA.

PLAN AHEAD!

2016-2017 IDC SCHEDULE

(Instructor Development Course)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

\$110 Pre-Registration

\$150 At the Door

All classes will be held at
USA Headquarters
8871 Tallwood Drive, Austin TX

2016

November 18, 19 & 20

2017

January 27, 28 & 29

March 24, 25 & 26

May 19, 20 & 21

July 28, 29 & 30

Sept 22, 23 & 24

Nov 17, 18 & 19



Safely share the road with large trucks

Do you clutch the wheel a little tighter as you pass a semi or other large trucks? You're not alone. Semis and large trucks navigate the roadways differently than other vehicles. Learning what they need — and what you can do — can help you safely share the road with large trucks.

Drivers of heavy trucks face a few difficulties on the road, including:

- ♦ **Reduced field of vision.** Truck drivers have multiple blind spots on both sides, in front of and behind their trucks.
- ♦ **Truck's size and weight increases its stopping distance.** For example: If large trucks are going 65 miles per hour, they could need up to 200 yards — nearly the length of two football fields — to stop.
- ♦ **Slower reactions.** Most vehicles can merge quickly. Large trucks

can't because of size.

- ♦ **Wind vulnerability.** Semis have a lot of surface area, making them harder to control when the wind picks up.
- ♦ **Wide turns.** Large trucks need plenty of room to make turns — especially right turns.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ♦ **Pass safely.** Always pass on the left — the blind spot is smaller on this side — and maintain a steady speed.
- ♦ **Give them space.** Keep a safe following distance — four seconds or more — between you and large trucks to help avoid dangerous situations, such as sudden stops (and subsequent rear-ending), a truck rollover over in high wind, a tire blowout or a wide truck turn. Note: If you can't see the trucks

mirrors, they can't see you.

- ♦ **Be aware.** Stay alert at all times, and keep your proximity to large trucks in mind as you share the road.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE USA TRAINING

USA Training Company will be closed on the upcoming dates:

2016

October 10 - Columbus Day

November 11 - Veteran's Day

Nov. 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving

December 22, 23 & 26 - Christmas

2017

January 2 - New Year's Day Observed

January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb 20 - President's Day

March 2 - Texas Independence Day

Additional 2017 holidays will be published in January, 2017 Quarterly Report

License Renewals (Fee: \$25)

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL UPDATE

As of September 1, 2016 the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) began mailing a REVISED Instructor Renewal form directly to USA instructors. Previously, USA mailed renewals to instructors, so some of you may have already received a renewal form from USA. If you received one from USA, it can be discarded.

STEPS FOR USA DSC INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL

1) Complete the 1-page Instructor Renewal form received from TDLR. TDLR will mail to the address they have on file for you, so it is important to contact USA with any address, phone or email changes.

2) Instructors will receive verification of RETRAIN/Mandatory Continuing Education at the end of the RETRAIN class. Attach the Verification of CE (pink certificate) to your completed Instructor Renewal. TDLR will only process Instructor Renewals with CE Verification attached.

3) Attach fee (\$25) payable to TDLR if postmarked before or by expiration date. If after expiration date, refer to fee scale on your renewal form or contact USA with questions. You cannot teach if your license is expired.

4) Make a copy of your renewal form, payment to TDLR & Verification of CE for your files.

5) Mail to USA, 8871 Tallwood Drive, Austin, TX 78759. *(do NOT mail directly to TDLR).*

6) **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The TDLR is mailing renewed license directly back to instructors. Make a copy and send to USA for your instructor file via U.S. mail, fax (512.346.0431) or scan/email to sjacobs@usatraining.com.


♦ Check the expiration date of your USA DSC Instructor license. IMPORTANT: TDLR should mail Instructor Renewal directly to you sixty (60) days prior to your expiration date. If you do not receive a renewal from TDLR, contact USA immediately.

♦ Submit your Instructor Renewal form and fee with Verification of Continuing Education to USA postmarked NO LATER than license expiration date. Preferably 30-45 days prior to expiration. You can not teach if your license expires -- so plan ahead.

♦ Keep a copy of your renewal form, check to TDLR and Verification of CE.

♦ When you get your license back from TDLR, make a copy and send it to USA.

Instructor	Expires	Instructor	Expires	Instructor	Expires	Instructor	Expires
Albert, J.W.	8-Nov	Frishman, Leigh	28-Oct	Kibble, Rodney	29-Nov	Reyes, Juan	17-Oct
Alexander, Laslyn	14-Nov	Ganiyu, Yesir	31-Oct	Le, Tina	1-Nov	Rivers, Chris	3-Nov
Arnold, Lloyd	14-Nov	Garcia, Frank	17-Oct	Le, Huy	14-Nov	Salazar, Edith	3-Dec
Bankston, Marilyn	5-Dec	Glady, Burdett	28-Nov	Mastrosimone, Carmelo	3-Dec	Segura, Donna	12-Oct
Bell, Lowell	14-Dec	Harper, Carol Ann	31-Dec	Matthews, John	31-Dec	Smith, Dee Ann	3-Dec
Cardenas, Benjamin	11-Dec	Hayes, Wanda	2-Oct	McCary, Vance	7-Oct	Smith, Patricia	18-Dec
Chatman, Jake	1-Nov	Hill, Luke	16-Dec	Mizell, Sandra	31-Oct	Solis, Juan	5-Dec
Chatman, Donald	30-Nov	Honeycutt, Richard	28-Dec	Mullins, Gary	23-Oct	Sullivan, Michael	27-Oct
Crocker, Jill	18-Oct	Howard, Eric	19-Dec	Oladejo, Rotimi	20-Oct	Sweeney, Paul	4-Nov
Darter, David	31-Dec	Howard, Connie	19-Dec	Patterson, Willie	21-Dec	Vasquez, John	13-Nov
Decker, Sue	16-Dec	Isaac, Staffon	1-Nov	Pena, Adan	31-Dec	Walch, Graylon	12-Oct
Ebhamen, Anthony	27-Oct	Jimenez, Jose	21-Oct	Phillips, Ronald	22-Oct	Watson, Don	23-Oct
Esikhathi, Carolyn	10-Dec	Johnson, Tyrone	14-Nov	Postert, Brenda	25-Oct	Wilkin, Dawn	5-Nov
Esikhathi, Tom	10-Dec	Joshi, Ilaben	24-Oct	Quiroz, Anthony	14-Nov	Williams, Lewis	30-Oct
Evans, Valina	16-Oct	Kennedy, Amanda	5-Nov	Rabelo, Juan	31-Oct	Williams, Thomas	16-Nov
						Young, Brenda	7-Oct



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