

What kind of driver are you?

The choices you make behind the wheel can indicate what type of driver you are. Answer the following questions from the National Safety Council defensive driving program.

Self-Assessment	Always True	Sometimes True	Never True
1. While driving, I try to make eye contact with passengers so they know I am listening.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I can adjust the radio and climate controls, as needed, while my car is moving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. While driving, I am able to look away from the road to tend to my children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I get irritated when other drivers are driving too slowly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I can read directions and look at a map while driving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I comb my hair, shave, apply make-up, or brush my teeth while driving, if the need arises.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Traffic, weather, and road conditions don't impact my driving plans.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I can still drive safely as long as I have only a few drinks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I make turns and change lanes without signaling, if necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. I put off regularly scheduled vehicle maintenance until a time when it is convenient for me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. I use a hands-free device because it makes talking on the phone while driving safe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. I eat and drink while I drive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. I know that over-the-counter drugs are safe to use while driving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. I cautiously ignore traffic signals and signs if I am in a hurry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. If another driver does something that makes me angry, I try to get back at that driver.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. I get as close as I can to the vehicle in front of me to make the driver move out of my way.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Being tired or drowsy does not keep me from driving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. I am a good driver, so I can leave my safety belt off.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. I let my passengers decide whether or not to wear a safety belt in my car.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. I am very good at multi-tasking, so I can safely text message or even send e-mail while I drive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. I enjoy looking at the sights and scenery around me while driving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. I only exceed the speed limit to keep pace with traffic around me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. My aggressive driving is caused by other people's aggressive behavior.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS:			

CELL PHONE USAGE

_____ County determines on a case by case basis the need for county provided cell phones. County cell phones are to be used for business purposes only.

_____ County follows all rules and regulations set forth by the IRS regarding use and taxation of county cell phones.

_____ County strongly discourages the use of any cell phone while operating any vehicle. Employees should plan calls to allow placement of calls either prior to traveling or while on rest breaks.

_____ County bans all employees from texting while operating any county vehicle owned vehicle. County employees who are driving their own personal vehicle are also banned from texting while driving on county business. Federal law prohibits any CDL driver operating any vehicle over 10,000 GWR from texting with fines and penalties, up to including loss of CDL.

Employees in possession of a _____ County owned cellular phones are required to take appropriate precautions to prevent theft and vandalism of all company equipment.

Each department shall set their own rules and regulations regarding personal cell phone usage while at work.

COUNTY VEHICLE USAGE

Some employees may be required to use county vehicles as a part of their job. Employees who are assigned county vehicles shall be responsible for the care, maintenance, proper use and upkeep. All employees must use the seat belt for all use of the county vehicle. Employees may only use the vehicles they are authorized to use. Employees may not allow other individuals to operate the vehicles they have been assigned.

If personal use of a county vehicle is permitted the employee will be required to keep a log of all personal miles driven, including to and from work. These personal miles will be taxed at the current IRS rate in accordance with IRS rules and regulations.

Employees who operate vehicles must maintain a current active license for the operation of that vehicle. If they have any change in status of their license they must immediately notify their supervisor. An employee whose job involves operation of a vehicle requiring a license for its legal operation shall be subject to possible job change, demotion or termination if that license is suspended or revoked.

An employee whose job involves operation of a vehicle or equipment requiring a license for its legal operation, but who is deemed uninsurable by the County's vehicle insurance carrier even though the employee's license has not been revoked or suspended, shall be subject to possible job change, demotion or termination.

Any employee involved in an accident while operating County equipment or vehicles shall immediately report the accident to his or her supervisor and to the proper law enforcement or other authority immediately. A copy of all accident and incident reports prepared by the employee shall be sent to the supervisor and the County Judge.

ADDITIONAL CELL PHONE RESTRICTIONS & POLICY

Federal law prohibits any CDL driver operating any vehicle over 10,000 GWR from texting with fines and penalties, up to including loss of CDL. _____ County bans all employees from texting while operating any county owned vehicle. County employees who are driving their own personal vehicle are also banned from texting while driving on county business.

_____ County strongly discourages the use of any cell phone while operating any vehicle. Employees should plan calls to allow placement of calls either prior to traveling or while on rest breaks. In an extreme circumstance a hands free device should be utilized.