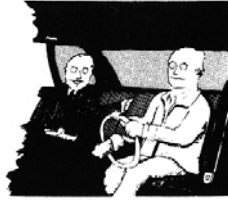


- (B) *To fasten the lap belt only.* In a crash, she will have the freedom to catch herself with her hands when she is thrown forward.
- (C) *To fasten her lap and shoulder belt,* keeping the lap belt low, below the baby, and the shoulder belt above the baby. The best way to protect the baby is to prevent the mother from smashing into the dashboard or being thrown out of the car.

THE RIGHT TO WEAR SAFETY BELTS

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You and a friend are driving downtown. You have buckled up, but your friend is reluctant. He says he never wears a safety belt when driving his car. He says everyone has the right to decide this independently. You reply by saying:

- (A) *“Yes, you are right.”* Safety belts are more trouble than they are worth, and no one should be required to do anything.
- (B) *“Yes, you are right.”* If people want to risk being killed or injured in a crash, that’s their business. They are the only ones affected.
- (C) *“You are dead wrong.”* You know that by not wearing a safety belt, a driver endangers fellow passengers and the people in other vehicles. If a person is hurt or killed because he or she didn’t wear a safety belt, then the family, relatives, friends, and the employer are hurt, emotionally and economically. On top of that, everyone shares the burden of higher medical insurance, welfare, and worker compensation costs that result from every injury or death.

Everyone can lose if you don’t wear your safety belt!

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THE PASSENGER CRASH



To conserve energy, you and your neighbors have formed a carpool. One day as you are driving to work, one of your passengers asks if it is necessary for all of them to wear their safety belts. She feels that only the driver needs a safety belt. You reply by saying:

- (A) *“No, you don’t need them.”* It is obvious that with so many people in the car, each will cushion the other if they are thrown about in a crash.
- (B) *“No, you don’t need them.”* It’s too much trouble to keep the belts untangled and up on the seat where passengers can find them. Besides, you don’t plan to be in a crash.
- (C) *“Yes, everyone in the car must wear a safety belt.”* If a crash happens, a passenger can be thrown into you, injuring you or knocking you unconscious. You would not be able to avoid a possible second collision. Also, unbelted passengers can injure or even kill each other as they are thrown about.

YOUR SCORE

Now that you’ve completed your game of Safety Belt Roulette, here’s how you determine your score. For every situation you answered with answer (A) or (B), give yourself no points. For each (C) answer, you score 10 points.



0-30 Points

Your number could be up for a quick trip to the hospital, or even worse. You’re gambling against overwhelming odds that you’ll never be involved in a crash.

40-70 Points

You win the chance to play the game again. You have some knowledge about the importance of safety belts but are overlooking possibilities that may save your life.

80 Points

You win. You’re not playing the safety belt roulette game. You aren’t taking chances on becoming an unrestrained flying object. Your chances of surviving an auto crash without a serious injury are very high because you wear your safety belt.

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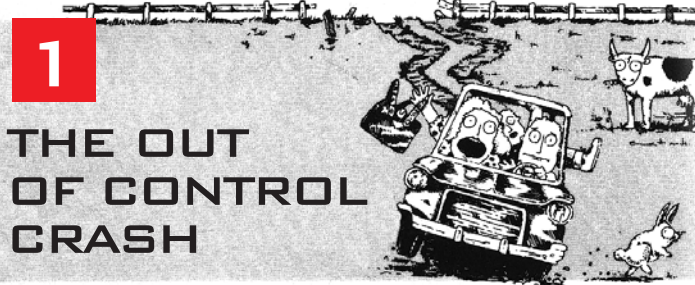
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ROULETTE



Most games tell you how to play. This one tells you how not to play. All you need is your automobile and safety belt. Choose the answer you feel is correct for each situation. There is only one answer that will help you survive to play the next game. You can check your score at the end.



1 THE OUT OF CONTROL CRASH

You are driving at 55 mph and suddenly lose control (icy patch on the road, blowout, etc.). You don't have to worry, because:

- (A) **Your safety belt is not fastened.** You believe safety belts can cause more injuries than could be caused by hitting the windshield.
- (B) **Your safety belt is not fastened.** You think you can stay in your seat and regain control just by holding on to the steering wheel.
- (C) **Your safety belt is fastened.** You know that a sudden swerve can throw you across the car, no matter how tightly you hold the steering wheel. Your safety belt will keep you behind the wheel so you can regain control and avoid a crash. If you do hit something, your safety belt will reduce your chance of serious or fatal injury by more than 60%.

2 THE AROUND THE CORNER CRASH



You are going to drive to the grocery store, only a mile away. Since it is a 25-mph zone all the way, you:

- (A) **Don't buckle your safety belt.** After all, crashes rarely happen close to home and at low speeds.
- (B) **Don't buckle your safety belt.** If a crash does happen, you think you are safer jumping out or being thrown out of the car.
- (C) **Buckle your safety belt.** You know that three out of four crashes causing death happen within 25 miles of home. More than half of the crashes causing death and injury happen at speeds less than 40 mph, some even as low as 12 mph. And your chances of surviving a crash are 4 times greater if you stay in your car.



3 THE BURNING OR SUBMERGED AUTO CRASH

Water and fire are involved in less than one-half of one percent of all crashes. But should this happen to you, you know your chances are very good, because:

- (A) **Your safety belt is unfastened.** Since you don't plan to be injured or knocked unconscious by the crash, you'll be able to escape quickly.
- (B) **Your safety belt is unfastened.** This gives you plenty of room to kick and scream for help.

- (C) **Your safety belt is fastened.** It will protect you from being injured, stunned, or knocked unconscious. You will be able to think clearly and get out of the car quickly.

4 THE STRANGLER PASSENGER CRASH



You are driving to the movies. As you turn a corner, you see a stalled car in the middle of the road. You can't avoid it. However, you are as safe as possible because you have on your:

- (A) **Shoulder belt only.** You think the lap belt is too uncomfortable.
- (B) **Lap belt only.** You think the shoulder belt is uncomfortable or might decapitate you in a crash.
- (C) **Lap and shoulder belt.** You know that a lap belt must be worn with a shoulder belt. Without a lap belt, you can be thrown forward and under the shoulder belt, which could break your neck. Putting the shoulder belt under your arm or behind your back could result in a brain injury or broken ribs that puncture your heart or lungs.

5 THE CAR WITH CHILDREN CRASH



You are taking your children for a ride in the country. Suddenly, a truck speeds through a stop sign in front of you. Unless you slam on the brakes, you will hit the truck. But at least you don't have to worry about your children because they are in the back seat:

- (A) **Unrestrained.** You or your spouse can catch them as they come flying forward.
- (B) **Unrestrained.** They probably won't be hurt as long as they hit the back of the front seat.
- (C) **Restrained.** You can give your full attention to avoiding a crash, since you know the little ones are held safely in place by their safety seats or safety belts. They won't be thrown forward into the windshield or into you.



6 THE EXPECTANT MOTHER AND THE SAFETY BELT

A pregnant friend is leaving your home after a visit. As she gets into her car, you remind her:

- (A) **Not to fasten her lap and shoulder belt.** You think it is more dangerous for a pregnant woman to wear a safety belt than not to wear one.