

# Top Causes of Car Accidents in Pensacola

There are an average of more than 1,000 car accidents on Florida's roadways each day of the year. While some of these wrecks can be attributed to equipment malfunction or failure, most are caused by human error.

Here are the most common causes of car accidents in Pensacola, and what you can do to avoid them.

## 1. Distracted Driving



Eating, drinking, grooming and using mobile devices are top causes of distraction. If you are driving, know that your job is to remain alert and attentive to the task at hand.

## 2. Impaired Driving



If you have anything to drink, don't drive. If you're taking prescription medications, talk to your doctor about the potential side effects that could affect your ability to safely drive.

## 3. Speeding



Post speed limits aren't suggestions. They are the law. They are also the speeds considered safest for those stretches of road. Adjust your schedule if you find yourself constantly late.

## 4. Reckless Driving



Speeding, driving aggressively and changing lanes quickly are all considered forms of reckless driving and are a very real problem. Your job behind the wheel is to remain patient and calm.

## 5. Rough Weather



Slick, treacherous roads are something you can't control. You can, however, control the way you drive. Adjust your driving by slowing down and giving more space to cars ahead if you encounter poor weather.

## 6. Running Through Intersections



Running a red light or stop sign is dangerous. Stop at intersections where you are instructed to do so, even if you don't see another vehicle approaching. A few seconds saved isn't worth risking a life.

## 7. Driving After Dark



Stay alert when you are driving in the late hours of night or before the sun comes up. It's harder to see in the dark, making driving a bit more harrowing. Take your time and stay alert for any potential dangers.

### FAST FACTS



- There were 395,785 wrecks in Florida in 2016.
- 3,176 people lost their lives in those accidents.
- 5,223 of those accidents were alcohol-related.

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