



## How safe a driver will you be?

Resource 6.b.

### Interpretation of Scores

If your **SPEED** score is 17 or over

It is easy to think that whatever the conditions you can slam your foot down, go as fast as you like and still stay safe.

Then, when someone or something gets in the way, all you people have to do is hit the brake.

Get real! Speed not only burns up expensive petrol, it also means over 1,000 people are killed and approximately 100,000 injured every year. Think about it, that is the equivalent of 156 jumbo jets crashing. Ease off!

If your **RISK** score is 16 or over

Ok, so you think you are going to be a cut above the average driver. Maybe you are, but taking more risks because you think you are a better driver means that you are just as likely as the bad drivers to end up as a casket case. It's not how skilful you are at handling a car that will keep you safe, it's learning to spot what makes a situation dangerous in the first place.

If your **SPEED** score is 16 or under

You know that it is easy to go fast in a car. It really does not take much skill - but just a bit of ego and a false sense of security. While the 'road racers' are putting new clutches in the old bangers that they have thrashed, you'll be using the money you would have spent on maintenance for a better car.

If your **RISK** score is 15 or under

You are obviously aware that accidents don't happen by chance - 90% of traffic injury accidents occur as a result of some element of driver error. The risk of being in a road accident peaks between 16 - 21. During this period 1 in 20 drivers will be injured. Safe driving is not an optional extra; it has to be built into the way you drive.



If your **OTHERS** score is 11 or over

To you, driving is a competition, with each driver trying to gain the upper hand in a hostile environment - where it is kill or be killed! Give your self time and space to react to other people and allow for their mistakes. An accident may not be your fault, but fault isn't the same issue when the worst happens.

If your **ON-BOARD** score is 11 or above

Your driving may sometimes be unpredictable. While you are keen to impress your mates, you're Mr. Careful when driving with your Mum and Dad in the car. Be consistent and in control. If you are a good driver your passengers should not get any surprises!

If your **OTHERS** score is 10 or under

You understand that driving is also a social skill. Your patience and tolerance mean that you are likely to find driving more enjoyable than most. At the end of the day it also means that you have a better chance of driving into the sunset one day!

If your **ON-BOARD** score is 10 or under

Your driving is likely to be consistent and controlled. The only problem is that your friends will be asking you to do all the driving! When they do, be prepared to turn the stereo down or ask the passengers not to talk to you and distract you. Assert yourself, keep relaxed and you stay in control.