

An innocent passenger's duties

DEAR READERS: A reader asked what a passenger should do, and in what order, if the driver of a car loses consciousness at the wheel. I contacted the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and was told: Lean the driver back, grab the steering wheel, hit the turn signal, keep your seatbelt fastened and begin merging into the lane(s) to the right, remove the driver's foot from the accelerator, and



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bring the vehicle to a stop on the shoulder. Then use a cell phone to call 911. (To which I added, while doing all of the above, it couldn't hurt to start praying.)

Half a dozen people wrote to say that they'd had this experience, and mail arrived from all over the United States informing me that the CHP's advice left something to be desired:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I decided we'd try the CHP's suggestions on our way to church. Here's what we learned: It was almost im-

possible to pull my husband's foot off the gas pedal. I had to grab his pant leg while trying to watch the road — not an easy task! Also, if the car has a console — ours does — the passenger can't reach the brake. (Perhaps downshifting would work better?) — CONNIE AND TERRY, COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO

DEAR ABBY: The passenger should be shown or reminded in advance where the cruise control switch or button is, so she can turn it off if it has been activated. — NANCY IN ERIE, PA.

DEAR ABBY: The first thing the passenger should do is put the transmission into neutral to slow the vehicle, regardless of whether or not the driver's foot is on the accelerator. — ARCHIE T., VALLEJO, CA-

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DEAR ABBY: This happened to my husband and me. When it happens, it happens very quickly. I grabbed the wheel with my left hand and, as we started crossing into oncoming traffic, tried to avoid hitting anyone. Foremost in anyone's mind in that situation should be to get the driver's foot off the gas. To heck with the turn signal!

This happens more than people realize. The year before the accident, my husband's car was totaled because the driver of an oncoming car passed out, crossed the line and hit him. — GLAD TO BE ALIVE, CHA-RLESTON, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: My diabetic husband had low blood sugar while driving on a five-lane highway. I was

later told that had I used my emergency flasher, someone with a cell phone would have called the police and they would have assisted me in getting off the highway. At the time I didn't even know we HAD a flasher. Now I know — and my husband eats something before we get into heavy traffic. — ELLA IN WALDON, N.Y.

DEAR READERS: Needless to say, after reading the above letters, I contacted the National Highway Safety Commission in Washington, D.C. In a nutshell, here's what they told me:

"While your advice was accurate, we're more concerned about the reason behind the question, and the message that it's safe to drive with occasional loss of consciousness as

long as one has a co-pilot. Relying on another person in a vehicle to take control is neither responsible nor safe.

"If a person experiences loss of consciousness for any reason, they need to stop driving until they are treated by a doctor who gives them permission to resume driving. This means they'll have to find another means of transportation, at least temporarily. Families have a role to play. If they are aware of the risk, they need to tell the state licensing agency and the doctor."

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TUESDAY EVENING												E=Hagle Cable S=S&T Telephone												NOV. 8, 2005			
E S		6 pm		6:30		7 pm		7:30		8 pm		8:30		9 pm		9:30		10 pm		10:30							
36	47	A&E		Cold Case Files Man shot; rapist sentenced.				Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Random 1 (N)				Crossing Jordan "The Digger"				Cold Case Files Man shot; rapist sentenced.							
4	6	ABC		According to Jim (N)		Rodney "Keith" (N)		Commander In Chief "First Scandal" (N)				(:01) Boston Legal "Truly, Madly, Deeply"				News		(:35) Night-line		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)							
26	54	ANPL		Almighty Amphibians				The Most Extreme "Divers" (N)				The Secret Life of Otters				Almighty Amphibians				The Most Extreme "Divers"							
63	67	BRAVO		The Cosby Show: A Look Back Bill Cosby and cast mates reflect about "The Cosby Show."				Back Bill Cosby and cast mates reflect about "The Cosby Show."				Celebrity Poker Showdown								The Cosby Show: A Look Back							
7	11	CBS		NCIS "Under Covers" (N)				The Amazing Race: Family Edition Tensions mount as a rivalry intensifies between two families.				News		(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)				Late Late Show									
55	42	DISC		It Takes a Thief "A Silent Robbery" (N)				Mega Machines "Task Masters"				Firehouse USA: Boston Capt. Paul Carey retires.				SOS: Coast Guard Rescue (N)				Dirty Jobs Chimney sweep techniques. (N)							
33	56	DISN		Kim Possible		The Proud Family		Sister, Sister		Phil of the Future		That's So Raven		That's So Raven		★ ★ "Pocahontas II: Journey to a New World" (1998) "NR" [E]				Zack & Cody							
49	66	EITV		101 Celebrity Ooops!				101 Celebrity Ooops!				Money-Bad Pop Stars				Jessica, Ashlee and the Simpson Family											
22	28	ESPN		Series of Poker				Series of Poker				Bound for Glory (N)				SportsCenter				NFL Live		Fastbreak					
23	29	ESPN2		(5:30) College Football Southern Mississippi at Marshall.								NBA Nation								WTA Tennis							
32	58	FAM		★ ★ ★ "Little Giants" (1994) Rick Moranis.								Whose?		Whose?		The 700 Club		Videos		Videos							
35	-	FMC		★ ★ ★ "The Man With One Red Shoe" (1985)								★ ★ ★ "Joshua Then and Now" (1985, Drama)								★ ★ "Off Limits"							
53	45	FOOD		Emeril Live Cooking for college students.				Restaurant Makeover		Recipe for Success		\$40-a-Day		\$40-a-Day		Behind the Bash		Sugar Rush		Emeril Live "Doin' Dough"							
13	7	FOX		Bones "A Boy in a Bush" (N)				House "Daddy's Boy" (N) (N)				The Fox Report With Shepard Smith				Blind Date (N)		Blind Date		Maury							
40	41	FX		"Black Hawk Down"				King of Hill		King of Hill		'70s Show		'70s Show		★ ★ ★ "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman.											
30	27	FXSP		Football		All-Access		Football		Barbershop		Myers		Best Damn Sports Show		Spotlight		Football		Best-Sports							
-	60	HALL		Walker, Texas Ranger				"Matlock: The Fortune" (1993) Andy Griffith.								M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H					
5	-	HBO		(5:45) ★ ★ "Fat Albert" (2004) "PG" [E]				(:15) ★ ★ "50 First Dates" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler. [E] "PG-13" [E]								The Sopranos "Cold Cuts"				Rome "Triumph" Caesar is anointed emperor.							
62	44	HGTV		Designed		Design		Decorating		Mission		Designers		Small		Design		Designer		Designed		Design					
58	48	HIST		Wild West Tech "Gadgets" (N)				Shootout! "Battle for Baghdad"				Man Moment Machine (N)								Digging for the Truth				Wild West Tech "Gadgets"			
25	38	IND		Friends		Friends		Sex and the City		Sex and the City		(:05) Sein-feld		(:35) Sein-feld		(:05) ★ ★ ★ "Cocktail" (1988, Drama) Tom Cruise, Bryan Brown.											
18	63	LIFE		(5:00) "Obsessed"				"Another Day" (2001, Fantasy) Shannen Doherty.								Will-Grace		Will-Grace		Golden		Golden					
54	74	MTV		TRL (iTV)				Green Day "Laguna"				Direct Effect				Video		Real World		Real World		Real World					
3	9	NBC		News		Ent. To-night		The Biggest Loser (N)				My Name Is Earl (N)		The Office Earl (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Name" (N)				News		Tonight Show					
8	8	NBC		The Biggest Loser (N)				My Name Is Earl (N)		The Office Earl (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Name" (N)				News		(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night							
34	55	NICK		SpongeBob		School		Full House		Fatherhood		Roseanne "Roseanne				3's Co.		Cosby		Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.					
2	2	PBS		Nova "Hitler's Sunken Secret" (N)				Capitalizing on Rural America				Frontline "The Last Abortion Clinic" (N)				BBC World News		Hardware		Charlie Rose (N)							
38	71	SCIFI		(5:00) "Fire in the Sky"				The Dead Zone "The Beginning"								★ ★ "Terminal Invasion" (2002)											
61	72	SPK		Maximum Exposure				Wildest Police Videos				CSI: Crime Scn				CSI: Crime Scn				"Hunt-Red-Oct."							
39	43	TLC		While You Were Out Secret nuclear-missile silo.				Martha Joan Cusack. (N)				Rides "Bad Check" Checkered taxi. (N)				Overhaulin' "One Ugly Horse" Mustang.				Overhaulin' "Snaked"							
28	40	TNT		Law & Order				Law & Order				Las Vegas				Cold Case				The X-Files "Chimera"							
51	49	TRAV		Taste		Taste		Made		Made		Presidential Tour				Taste		Taste		Made		Made					
21	59	TVLND		Little House				Griffith		Sanford		GoodTime		GoodTime		Happening!		Cheers		Night Court		Sanford					
60	79	UNIV		Contra Viento y Marea				La Esposa Virgen				Casos de la Vida Real				Impacto		Noticiero		La Hora Derbez							
20	37	USA		Law Order: CI				Law Order: CI				Law Order: CI				Law Order: CI											
12	3	WB		Friends		Everybody-Raymond		Gilmore Girls (N)				Supernatural "Bugs" (N)				News				Sex and the City				Will & Grace			
99	39	WGN		Da Vinci's Inquest				Da Vinci's Inquest				WGN News at Nine				Sex & City		Becker		Da Vinci's Inquest							

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4	6	ABC	George Lopez (N)	Freddie (N)	Lost Sawyer's wound becomes life-threatening.			Invasion "Fish Story" (N)			News		(:35) Night-line		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Patton Oswalt. (N)														
26	54	ANPL	Emergency Vets A zoo vet has double trouble.			Venom ER			Animal Cops San Francisco "Fire Escape"			Emergency Vets A zoo vet has double trouble.		Venom ER															
63	67	BRAVO	★★ "Vanilla Sky" (2001, Fantasy) Tom Cruise, Penélope Cruz. A callow playboy is disfigured and charged with murder. 'R' [E]																										
7	11	CBS	Still Standing (N)	Yes, Dear (N)	Criminal Minds "The Fox" (N)			CSI: NY "Manhattan Manhunt" (N)			News		(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)		Late Late Show														
55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief Real-estate agent.			Deadliest Catch Alaskan crab fisherman.			SOS: Coast Guard Rescue			Woodrow Wilson Bridge Constructing the bridge.		MythBusters Steel toe boots. (N)															
33	56	DISN	Kim Possible	The Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Phil of the Future		That's So Raven		That's So Raven		★ "Inspector Gadget" (1999, Adventure) Matthew Broderick, Rupert Everett. 'PG' [E]																	
49	66	EITV	Angelina Jolie			Pop Stars			Money-Bad			Palms		Howard S. Howard S.		Brigitte Nielsen: THS													
22	28	ESPN	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Indiana Pacers.																										
23	29	ESPN2	(5:30) College Football West Virginia at Cincinnati.																										
32	58	FAM	★★★ "Sixteen Candles" (1984, Comedy)																										
35	-	FMC	★★★ "Silver Streak" (1976) Gene Wilder.							★★★ "Predator" (1987)							Carl Weathers												
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live "Gotta Have Garlic"			Behind the Bash (N)			Sugar Rush (N)			Good Eats (N)			Good Eats "I Pie"			Iron Chef America "Mori-moto vs. Douglas"			Emeril Live "Gotta Have Garlic"								
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N)		Stacked		Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy (N)					The Fox Report With Shepard Smith					Blind Date (N)		Blind Date (N)		Maury								
40	41	FX	Fear Factor					King of Hill / King of Hill					'70s Show / '70s Show					★★★★ "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991)											
30	27	FXSP	Football		Spotlight		Women's College Volleyball					Texas at Colorado.					Crush Girls		Playbook		Football		Best-Sports						
60		HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger					★★ "Gleason" (2002, Biography) Brad Garrett.					M*A*S*H					M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H							
5	-	HBO	★★★ "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. [PG] [E]																										
62	44	HGTV	Kitchen		Want That		Buy Me (N)			Cash Attic		Designed		What Get		Design House		Kitchen		Want That									
58	48	HIST	Modern Marvels Glues keep the world together.					Modern Marvels "Paint"					Modern Marvels "Rubber" Rubber.					Automaniac "World War II"					Modern Marvels Glues keep the world together.						
25	38	INF	Everybody-Raymond		Everybody-Raymond		Everybody-Raymond		Everybody-Raymond		Sex and the City		Sex and the City		(:05) ★★★ "As Good as It Gets" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt.														
18	63	LIVE	"Don't Look Down"					"Tripping Wire" (2005, Mystery) Clark Johnson.					Will-Grace		Will-Grace		Golden		Golden										
54	74	MTV	TRL (iTV)					Miss 17		Miss 17			Direct Effect			Hard Rock		I'm Still Here		Miss 17									
3	9	NBC	News		Ent. Tonight		E-Ring JT has to finish a job started years ago.					The Apprentice: Martha Stewart (N)					Law & Order "House of Cards" (N)		News		Tonight Show		Tonight Show						
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34	55	NICK	SpongeBob Unfabulous					Full House Fresh Pr.					Roseanne		Roseanne		3's Co. Cosby		Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.								
2	2	PBS	Pioneers of Primetime (N)					Kennedy Center Presents "The 2005 Mark Twain Prize" A salute to actor Steve Martin. (N)													BBC World News		As Time Goes By		Charlie Rose (N)				
38	71	SCI FI	"The Second Arrival"					Stargate SG-1					Stargate SG-1					★★ "Xtro 3: Watch the Skies" (1995)											
61	72	SPK	Maximum Exposure					Wildest Police Videos					CSI: Crime Scn					CSI: Crime Scn					★★ "Double Impact"						
39	43	TLC	While You Were Out "Austin: SkyLab"					Martha Melissa Etheridge. (N)					Protect and Serve "On the Beat"					Untold Stories of the E.R.					Miami Ink "Going for the Gold"						
28	40	TNT	★★★ "Blade II" (2002, Action) Wesley Snipes.					★★★ "Passenger 57" (1992)					(:45) ★★★					"Passenger 57" (1992)											
51	49	TNT	American Casino					World Poker Tour					American Casino					World Poker Tour											
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