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People for Proper Policing in North Wales

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With kind permission of www.safespeed.org.uk who have researched and collated the data (not invented it!) We have summarised below the reason speed cameras and all the attendant activities are causing the numbers of accidents and fatalities to rise as highlighted in **fig. 3.2 below. The route cause are increased levels of a. Driver inattention i.e. from within the drivers psyche and b. Driver distraction i.e. from the local environment within and without the vehicle.**

Introduction

Driver distractions are well known and a widespread cause of accidents.

- Mirrors and **frequent speedo. Checks.**
- Looking at and operating minor controls from fog lights to stereo
- Use of mobile telephones
- **GPS** mapping & **warning systems**
- Appraising roadside activities **and speed trap checks**
- Interpreting complex systems of road signs and traffic streaming systems
- Imbibing food & drink and tobacco.
- Carelessness, mind wandering, **poor concentration**, failing to look properly, Interacting with passengers, tiredness, **driving stress, lifestyle stress**, substance intoxication. **Journeys have extended times and are unpleasant.**

It's quite obvious that a distracted or inattentive driver will have a much greater overall **driver**.stopping distance than one who is simply travelling a few mph faster. You might think that no-one fails to pay attention to the road ahead for **2.5 seconds**, but consider this research published by RoSPA ([click here](#)) which contains the following alarming statistic on page 5 : **Note.... at 30 mph your car travels 44 feet every second!**

- **Almost half (46%) of the inexperienced drivers took their eyes off the road for more than 2.5 seconds, compared with only 13% of experienced drivers.**

Watch the drivers in the movies for how not to watch where your going!

The time taken for a mirror(s) or speedo check is largely due to the delay while the eye refocuses more closely and then further away again. This refocusing period increases with the driver's age. Estimates of speedo check durations always seem to be in the range **0.75 to 1.0 seconds**. We've so far been unable to find any research on how much longer it might take older drivers to make the check..The West Midlands Accident Review has it that in 61% of cases the pedestrian simply "stepped, walked or ran from the foot path". **Suicide if it's in front of a distracted driver!**

