



Test Errors activity



1+ Players

5min+



What they learn

Players learn what not to do in the driving tests and the differences between critical errors and immediate fails.



How it works

Identify and organise test errors into categories as a team or as individuals.



Set-up

- 1x Instruction card per team
- 1x set of 12 Common Mistakes activity cards per team

Video instructions

Visit community.drive.govt.nz/resource-hub to watch video instructions of how to use this activity.

Extra copies

Visit community.drive.govt.nz to find a digital version of this resource for reprinting.



Answers

Critical errors:

- Not doing a head check and checking mirrors when changing lanes (#4)
- Stalling at lights (#5)
- Not observing and looking ahead when going through an intersection (#6)
- Not signalling when leaving a roundabout (#7)
- Not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign. Pausing to look but not coming to a complete stop. (Note this is an immediate fail in the full licence test) (#8)
- Not doing a head check or mirror check when leaving a parking space (#10)
- Not looking both ways before driving over train tracks (#11)

Immediate fails:

- Going over the speed limit by 6km/h for 30 seconds (#1)
- Driving through a stop sign (#2)
- Not giving way (e.g. at a give way sign or intersection) (#3)
- Going through road works at 40km/h instead of 30km/h because people are tooting (#9)
- Going over the speed limit by 11km/h (#12)



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Instruction card

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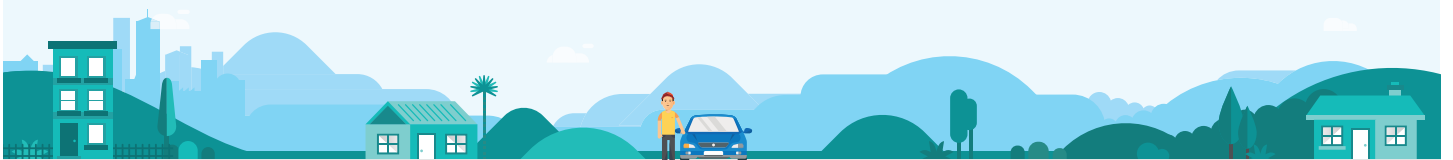
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Common Test Mistake #1

Going over the speed limit by 6km/h for 30 seconds.

1



Common Test Mistake #2

Driving through a stop sign.

2



Common Test Mistake #3

Not giving way (e.g. at a give way sign or intersection).

3



Common Test Mistake #4

Not doing a head check and checking mirrors when changing lanes.

Note: Need to check before and after every turn, and when changing lanes, merging and leaving or stopping at a kerb. Should be checking mirrors every 8–12 seconds.

4



Common Test Mistake #5
Stalling at lights.

5



Common Test Mistake #6
Not observing and looking ahead when going through an intersection.

6



Common Test Mistake #7
Not signalling when leaving a roundabout.

7



Common Test Mistake #8
Not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign. Pausing to look but not coming to a complete stop.

8



Common Test Mistake #9

Going through road works at 40km/h instead of 30km/h because people are tooting.

9



Common Test Mistake #10

Not doing a head check or mirror check when leaving a parking space.

Note: You need to do them when leaving a kerb, changing lanes or merging.

10



Common Test Mistake #11

Not looking both ways before driving over train tracks.

11



Common Test Mistake #12

Going over the speed limit by 11km/h.

12