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36 Steps that have proven effective in reducing traffic accidents

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Proven Effective

1. Enforcing speed limits
2. Enforcing tail gating
3. Increased police presence on the roads
4. Safety seat belts: all passengers, all roads
5. Driver's license suspensions for serious offenders
6. Increased possibility for penalties for traffic offenders
7. Insurance premiums linked to traffic penalties
8. Alcohol breathalyzer test
9. Children's seats
10. Air bags
11. School crossing guards
12. Wearing reflective stripes on clothing
13. Speed monitors (technographs) for trucks
14. Demanding automobile checks
15. Mandatory headlights for heavy vehicles all hours of the day
16. Adopting American vehicle safety standards: restraints, locks, gas tanks, head supports, bumpers, stopping lights
17. Panoramic mirrors
18. Air conditioning for busses, trucks, and cabs
19. Reflective stripes for cars
20. Replacement of defective parts initiated by car makers
21. Encouraging use of public transportation
22. Special bicycle lanes
23. Mandatory helmets for bicycler
24. Pedestrian paths
25. Speed bumps
26. Traffic lights for pedestrian crossings
27. Traffic islands
28. Well colored lane markings
29. Reflective lane markings

30. Separated lanes for inter-city roads
31. Increased friction on dangerous roads
32. Automatic barriers at intersections with railroad tracks
33. Replacing metal poles with plastic
34. Separate lanes for heavy vehicles
35. First aid instruction for the general population
36. Increased safety research

Proven Ineffective or non-influential

1. Service announcements
2. Defensive driving courses

Proven Dangerous

1. Young drivers
2. Driver education in high schools
3. Raising speed limits

Needs Additional Evaluation

1. Daylight savings time
2. Stickers, notices, and
3. Existing school safety programs
4. More demanding driver tests
5. Leaving traffic accident victims in place until paramedics arrive