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Drivers who took car crash photos in trouble

15th August, 2014

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140815-rubberneckers.html>

British police are prosecuting motorists for taking photos of a crash scene. This is the first time British drivers will be prosecuted for "rubbernecking" – looking back at a horrible scene, usually while driving a car. Four rubberneckers slowed down to photo a crash on the other side of the road. Other drivers had to brake to avoid hitting the rubberneckers. Police said the rubberneckers had acted "irresponsibly" in slowing down to take photos. Police will charge them with driving without care and attention, and without reasonable consideration for other road users.

A police officer said that although nobody was injured in the collision, rubberneckers caused other drivers to brake or take other action and slow down. She said the rubberneckers, "showed no regard for their own or of other people's safety, as they used their mobile phones to record or video the wreckage as they passed". She also said the drivers were not in control of their car. She added that: "One of the causes of serious injury and fatal collisions is the use of mobile telephones." She asked motorists to lock their phones away when driving.

Sources: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/rubber-necking-motorists-prosecuted-taking-mobile-4042382#ixzz3AEoLXnJQ>
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140815-rubberneckers.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. police are prosecuting | a. "rubbernecking" |
| 2. taking photos | b. for other road users |
| 3. prosecuted for | c. motorists |
| 4. on the other | d. "irresponsibly" |
| 5. brake to avoid hitting the | e. side of the road |
| 6. Police said the rubberneckers had acted | f. of a crash scene |
| 7. driving without care | g. rubberneckers |
| 8. consideration | h. and attention |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. nobody was injured | a. other people's safety |
| 2. drivers to brake | b. collisions |
| 3. showed no regard for their own or of | c. or take other action |
| 4. record or video the | d. of their car |
| 5. drivers were not in control | e. in the collision |
| 6. One of the causes | f. away |
| 7. fatal | g. wreckage |
| 8. lock their phones | h. of serious injury |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ . This is the first time British drivers will be

prosecuted for "rubbernecking" - looking back at

(2) _____ , usually while driving a car. Four rubberneckers

(3) _____ photo a crash on the other side of the road.

Other drivers had to brake (4) _____ the rubberneckers.

Police said the rubberneckers had (5) _____ slowing down

to take photos. Police will charge them with driving without care and

attention, and without (6) _____ for other road users.

A police officer said that although (7) _____ in the

collision, rubberneckers caused other drivers to (8) _____

action and slow down. She said the rubberneckers,

"(9) _____ their own or of other people's safety, as they

used their mobile phones to record or video the

(10) _____ ". She also said the drivers were not

(11) _____ car. She added that: "One of the causes of

serious injury and fatal collisions is the use of mobile telephones." She asked

motorists to (12) _____ when driving.

RUBBERNECKERS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140815-rubberneckers.html>

Write five GOOD questions about rubberneckers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

