

Dangerous driving – summary, categorisation and reasons	
DD1	<p>Drove across country roads tailgated another driver for some miles, until reaching a crossroads. Other car turned right at those crossroads and he then followed, almost immediately overtook then went onto the wrong side of the road, at what was obviously a very considerable speed. Over the course of the following straight section of road overtook three further vehicles, and attempted to overtake the third of those vehicles while driving in excess of 120 miles an hour on single carriageway road with a solid white line, and at the summit of this road the brow of a hill. Victim who was driving perfectly well appeared over the brow of the hill, and D then tried to pull in but driving far too fast to achieve such a manoeuvre. He attempted to overtake, there was insufficient room to do so, and an inevitable collision occurred with victim.</p> <p>Level 1 - Deliberate decision to ignore or a flagrant disregard for the rules of the road, and an apparent disregard for the great danger being caused to others.</p>
DD2	<p>D and victim were drinking in pub for four and a half hours and were asked to leave as had had enough to drink. Victim let D drive his vehicle, a transit van, and was passenger. D drove 3 miles before crashing into a parked car. Spun off road and through a garden fence and collided with another car.</p> <p>Level 1 - consumption of substantial amounts of alcohol leading to gross impairment.</p>
DD3	<p>Collision occurred during course of a chase between D and co-d. Victim driving VW polo at 30 mph, co-d (chasing vehicle driven by D) driving at 70 mph, more than twice speed limit for road and caused other drivers to take evasive action or fear for safety. Both drivers lost control and D's vehicle ploughed into victims' vehicle causing it to spin 180 degrees.</p> <p>Level 1 - with multiple features of high culpability, a prolonged, persistent, deliberate course of very bad driving, at greatly excessive speeds, overtaking other vehicles at excessive speeds, with complete disregard for the rules of the road and the safety of other road users.</p>
DD4	<p>Driving in erratic and dangerous manner before incident; sped away from garage forecourt and performed highly dangerous overtaking manoeuvre collided with another vehicle and rammed it out of way. Narrowly missed another car and pedestrian before hitting victim who was crossing road. Did not stop and continued driving in same dangerous and wanton manner for quite some time. 'extremely prolonged, persistent, wilful, appalling driving'. Efforts</p>

	<p>made to dispose of vehicle, returned original plates and made no comment interviews. No remorse.</p> <p>Very top of Level 1 – prolonged, persistent, appalling driving.</p>
DD5	<p>Under influence of large quantity of drugs and alcohol and excessive speed in residential area and failing to stop for police - Level 1.</p>
DD6	<p>D had been on a 5-6 day 'drink and drug bender' Under influence of drugs (cocaine, cannabis and diazepam) overtook learner driver on a slip road and crashed into motorcyclist. 70mph in a 40mph limit.</p> <p>Level 1. Had been falling asleep while driving; consumption of illegal drugs which seriously impaired ability to drive; drove at greatly excessive speed; drove when knowingly deprived of adequate sleep (told the probation officer he had not slept for days.)</p>
DD7	<p>D chasing another car. Took a roundabout wrong way and drove through a red light in middle of rush hour traffic, going as fast as possibly could with no regard for other road users.</p> <p>Level 1 - prolonged, persistent deliberate course of bad driving over several miles in bad weather at highly dangerous speeds in car chase– acutely aware of risk and no regard for other road users.</p>
DD8	<p>D was driving along motorway at high speed, constantly changing lanes. Crashed into a vehicle ahead, throwing it up in the air (despite it being a straight stretch of road). D's car came to a stop, but rather than attempting to provide assistance he fled the scene. D eventually handed himself in, but didn't accept any culpability for the crash and cast aspersions on the other person's driving. Judge said standard of driving level 2, but aggravating factors escalate to level 1.</p>
DD9	<p>Failed to give way at junction of a busy A road, went into side of a vehicle</p> <p>Level 2 - driving created a substantial risk of danger. Speed greatly excessive on approach to junction.</p>
DD10	<p>Lost control on straight stretch of road collided with a car being driven in a proper manner in the opposite direction. Conditions were bad, heavy rain and standing water on roads. Aggressive driving; pushing other motorists by driving too close and speed far too fast for conditions.</p> <p>Level 2: Danger created was substantial - overtaking when unsafe; driving too close and dangerously fast without regard to the weather and driving conditions despite knowing the road was dangerous.</p>

DD11	D driving van and not paying attention as was looking at colleague in other van in adjacent lane. Drove into back of a motorcyclist. Level 3 - Momentary lapse of concentration.
DD12	Others saw motorbike and he just didn't register it. Admitted lack of concentration. Level 3 - Lack of concentration
DD13	Drove wrong way up dual carriageway for 7 miles. Level 3 - Not momentary lapse of concentration but genuine mistake.
Careless driving - summary, categorisation and reasons	
CD1	Standard fell not far short of dangerous. Racing resulting in a head on collision while disqualified from driving. Lied about who driver was, was driving at national speed limit. No licence (had never passed test). - Level 1
CD2	V was on his scooter, his L-plates displayed, driving carefully and responsibly along the street. D had left a garage, performed a U-turn and then accelerated vehicle ferociously. As he did so he did not have the car properly under control. Level 1 - falls very close to borderline between dangerous and careless driving.
CD3	D was driving a van, according to CCTV D's driving was erratic and he swerved into V (a cyclist). D drove away from the scene, was eventually identified by the police, but continued to try and place the blame elsewhere. Level 1 - Careless or inconsiderate driving falling not far short of dangerous driving.
CD4	Pleaded as alternative to death by dangerous. Driving too fast in built up area - estimated 53mph in 30 mph zone. Overtook car in front and hit pedestrian crossing road. Level 1 - Careless and inconsiderate driving falling not far short of dangerous.
CD5	V driving home in good weather when without explanation D's car drove onto the carriageway where V was driving in the opposite direction. Nothing in relation to V's driving a concern - both cars were driving between 40-50 mph. No difficulties with road surface, visibility or traffic and no evidence of earlier bad driving, rush or distraction. No explanation for D's car to cross over white line and cause a head on collision. Judge inferred D ceased to concentrate on the road and drifted into opposing carriageway. Level 2 - Judge struggled with categorisation - was unable to say that 'it falls not far short of dangerous driving' - the fact the car was fully in the other carriageway suggests not a momentary inattention that would bring it into the lowest category, so not categories 1 or 3

CD6	<p>D was working as a taxi driver; driving with passenger in the dark but good weather conditions. Drove through a red traffic light at pedestrian crossing and hit the victim who was crossing the road.</p> <p>Level 2 - Highlights that victim was vulnerable road user, D should have taken care around crossing, was working as a professional, carrying passenger, potential hazards clearly marked.</p>
CD7	<p>Motorcyclist was trying to overtake when he thought it was quite safe. D decided, as he had indicated he was going to do albeit late in the day, that he was going to undertake a U-turn and go back in the opposite direction by turning across the carriageway into a layby on the other side of the road. Signs saying no u turns - ill-judged and careless. No contributing factors such as defects or speeding, failed to see what was behind him.</p> <p>Level 2 - Flagrantly ignoring warning signs, disobeying a traffic sign and attempting manoeuvre.</p>
CD8	<p>V came off her bike as she was about to leave the roundabout at a time when D on the roundabout approaching from behind her. D driving a pickup intending to take the same route as her, did not see her either before she came off her bike or after she had done so and was lying towards the side of the road in his path. As a result, his vehicle drove over her. D had been distracted by mobile phone seconds before collision, other driver had seen him looking to his left, and using one hand to drive. Pleaded to careless driving as alternative to dangerous.</p> <p>Level 2 - Middle category - not a momentary lapse but avoidably distracted.</p>
CD9	<p>D was driving an HGV vehicle in the course of employment, along a single-carriageway road. D saw an HGV vehicle coming in the other direction, and moved vehicle off the road, onto the verge. Weight of HGV combined with the gradient of the verge caused vehicle to tip; D over-corrected and steered back towards the road, veering onto the opposite side of the road and tipped over in collision with V's car.</p> <p>Level 2 - Judge initially says it's at the top of cat 3, but then says that it crosses the custody threshold, and due to the circumstances of the case, appropriate SP is that of category 2.</p>
CD10	<p>Failed to see V as he stepped into the road to cross it; in the road for something between six or nine seconds before the collision occurred. D must have seen V at the very last moment because he braked and swerved and the impact was at a very low speed. Not speeding but driver behind saw V, so D should have</p>

	<p>done. Not under influence of alcohol or drugs. Issues with vision (incipient cataracts) but no issues raised that he shouldn't have been driving.</p> <p>Bottom of level 2/top of level 3 - not momentary lapse of concentration.</p>
CD11	<p>D's vehicle crossed the central white line of a relatively narrow A-road which winds its way through the countryside and collided with V's motorcycle. V had no prospect of avoiding D. Quite why vehicle crossed central white line 'a mystery'. Driving before not inappropriate as evidenced by dashcam of vehicle behind, and not speeding. Road conditions were good, spring day in March, light good, nothing to contribute to vehicle collision other than driver error or fault. No alcohol, no mobile phone to distract him, no pre cons. Had his daughter in back of car.</p> <p>Level 3 – momentary lapse of concentration.</p>

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