

TIPS FROM THE PASSENGER SEAT

If you ever feel unsafe with a driver, no matter if they're your friend, sibling or parent, you always have a way out. Here is how you can change the situation.

Pull Over

Tell the driver that you need to make a stop. Once you pull over, take that time to collect your thoughts and wait for them to stop whatever made you feel unsafe.

Be Helpful

Offer to help the driver read or type a text instead of allowing them to drive distracted. "Would you like me to type that for you since you're driving?"

Don't Get In

Before jumping in the car, evaluate if the driver is safe and responsible. If they start to text you can say, "I don't mind waiting until you finish up," so that you can delay getting in the car or having them begin to drive off while distracted.

Speak Up

Unsafe driving affects you as a passenger, too. If there is anything that makes you feel unsafe, say so and be direct.

Make a Pointed Joke

Not sure what to say when you feel unsafe in the car? A bit of humor can make the conversation feel less scary. Try saying something like, "What, are we on a NASCAR track? Can you ease up a bit?"

Compare to Other Drivers

Point out drivers who wander into the other lane, run a stop sign or speed. Then, simply make a comment like, "Man, that guy drives like a crazy person all up in the other lane. I bet you he's texting."

Make Up Excuses

Really creative? Make up excuses for why the driver should change their behavior. "I've seen a ton of cops out today, you may want to slow down."

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