

Streetwatch 2 – Junction Survey

April/May 2011



For the second Streetwatch survey we've responded to your feedback following the first and have decided to look at driver behaviour.

This survey is to be carried out in daylight at a road junction near your home at anytime during the **period 16 April to 9 May 2011**.

You will be looking at seat belt wearing and mobile phone use, indicator use and defective brake lights. You will also have a chance to give your view on how many drivers are driving too fast for the conditions.

You will only be observing passenger cars – motorbikes, vans and commercial vehicles are not being included in this survey.

To carry out the survey

Choose a junction near your home which is well trafficked and has turning traffic.

Position yourself as inconspicuously as possible near a road T junction, cross roads or small roundabout, where you can clearly see the car occupants and the vehicles as they approach the junction, and watch them from behind as they pass through the junction or brake and turn.

It is worth watching traffic for a few moments so you understand how the junction 'works', and to ensure you find a good position.

The survey should last about an hour, or for a minimum of 100 cars.

This could be done in several small episodes if you'd prefer rather than in one session. The aim is to 'monitor' individual cars through the junction, marking the behaviour of the driver on the form below.

Choose a car approaching you

There is no need to choose/monitor every car (this may well be impossible) but once you choose a car you should watch it all the way through the junction and record your observations as follows.

The survey grid is designed to be completed in the order below:

As the car approaches:

- Is the driver using a **hand held mobile phone**? If so put a mark in **box A**
- Is the **driver wearing a seatbelt**? If not then put a mark in **box B**
- If you feel the vehicle is **travelling too fast**, mark **box C**

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Continue to watch the car as it passes you and goes through the junction

- Did the driver turn at the junction **without using a direction indicator**? If yes then put a mark in **box D**
- Did both brake lights operate normally? Put a mark in **box E** if it looked like there was a **broken brake light**.

If your junction has traffic lights

- Watch for vehicles jumping a **red light (Box F)** or passing through the junction on **amber (Box G)**.

Finally

- Mark **box H** if the car **turned** at the junction or **box J** if the car went **straight on**.

*To help us evaluate the results it's important that every car you monitor through the junction is recorded in either **H** or **J**. (The sum of H and J will be the total number of vehicles that you monitored as they passed through the junction.)*

Once you have completed your survey – recorded your observations for around 100 cars passing through the junction - please add up the score for each category from A to J.

To help you submit your survey results (and us collate and analyse the results) we've set up an online survey form with our polling partners Populus. This includes a few more general questions too.

To find the survey form, follow the link in the webpage you bookmarked or in the email you were sent. The closing date for submitting results is **9 May 2011**.

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Survey form

Print this form and use it to record your survey observations.

	Issue	Count	Total
A	Driver on hand held mobile phone		
B	Driver not wearing seat belt		
C	Car speed appeared too fast for conditions		
D	No indicator on turning vehicle		
E	Defective brake light(s)		
F	Jumped red light		
G	Passed through on amber light		
H	Cars 'monitored' in survey that <u>turned</u>		
J	Cars 'monitored' in survey that went <u>straight on</u>		

Now enter your results online only by following the link in the email you were sent or clicking the button on the Streetwatch webpage you bookmarked.