

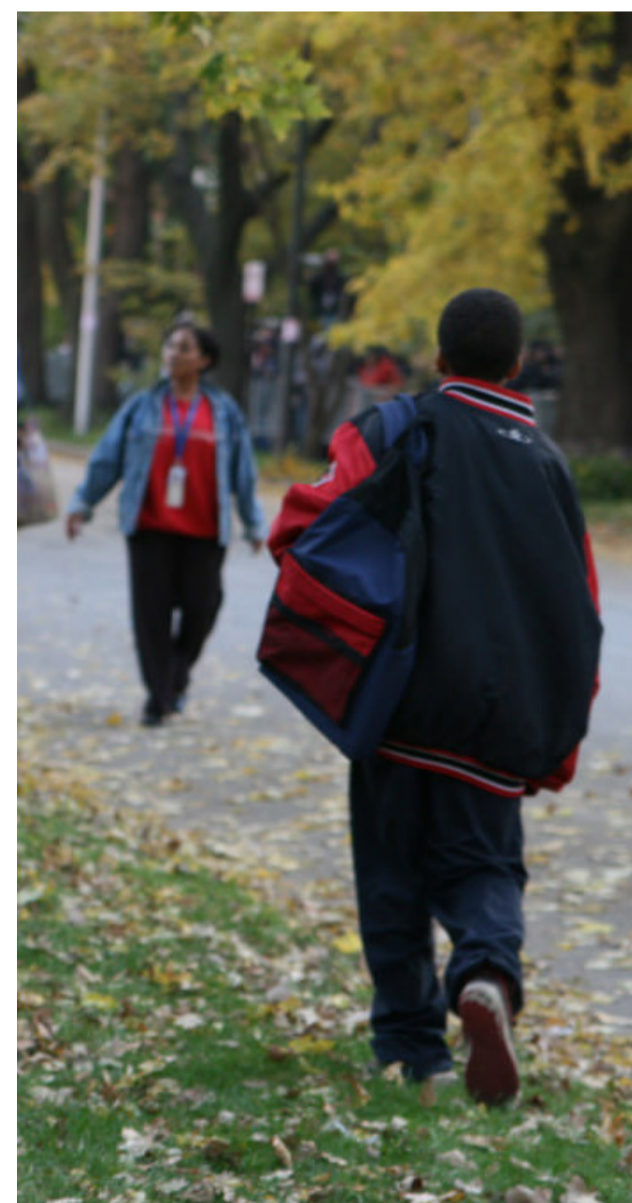
Time-Line: 'The History of Roads and Road Safety'

- 2000 B.C. - Egyptians began using wheels (They used two wheels for their chariots)
- 55 A.D. - The Romans began to develop a road system
- 410 A.D. - The Romans left Britain and the roads fell into disuse
- 1555 - Parliament made the 1st Highways Act
- 1663 - The Turnpike Act
- 1750 - 'Bow Street Runners' started by Henry Fielding
- 1751 - The Steam Engine (James Watt)
- 1805 - The Bow Street Horse Patrol
- 1820 - Steam Coaches
- 1826 - Menai Bridge opened
- 1829 - The Metropolitan Police Act. 'Bobbies'
- 1859 - The Gas Engine (Elienne Lenoir)
- 1861 - Offences Against the Person Act
- 1865 - The 'Red Flag Act'
- 1868 - Traffic lights put up outside the Houses of Parliament
- 1876 - Four Stroke Combustion Engine (Nickolaus Otto)
- 1883 - Petrol Piston Engine (Gottleib Daimler)
- 1885 - First motor-bike (Daimler)
- 1887 - First petrol driven four wheeled car (Daimler)
- 1888 - Pneumatic tyres (John Boyd Dunlop)
- 1892 - Diesel Engine (Rudolph Diesel)
- 1894 - First Motor Race (Paris)
- 1895 - First road traffic **fatal** accident (New York)
- 1896 - End of 'Red Flag Act'.
- 1897 - New speed limit – 12mph
- 1898 - First road traffic **fatality** (Britain)
- 1902 - First disc brakes
- 1903 - Car tax and driving licence introduced
- 1903 - New speed limit – 20mph
- 1908 - Safety Road Signs introduced
- 1909 - Road Improvement and Development Act
- 1910 - Tax on petrol introduced
- 1914 - Traffic lights introduced (see 1868 though!)
- 1919 - Ministry of Transport formed ('MOT' certificate still used today)
- 1919 - 'The Flying Squad' formed
- 1920 - The Road Act



Time-Line: The History of Roads and Road Safety (continued)

- 1922 - First Traffic Census
- 1924 - White lines first used
- 1926 - Traffic Light Law
- 1930 - Road Traffic Act – speed limits abolished!
- 1933 - Over 7,000 **fatal accidents**
- 1934 - Cat's Eyes (Percy Shaw)
- 1934 - First Driving Tests
- 1934 - Belisha Beacons (Leslie Hore-Belisha)
- 1934 - New Road Traffic Act
- 1937 - 'Courtesy Cops'
- 1950 - Bubble car designed
- 1956 - Preston By-Pass (First 'motorway')
- 1959 - Mini car designed
- 1959 - M1 opened (Birmingham to London)
- 1960 - New Road Traffic Act
- 1960 - MOTs first introduced (see 1919)
- 1966 - 7,985 **fatal accidents**
- 1967 - 70mph speed limit introduced
- 1967 - Breathalyser first used
- 1967 - Front seat belts fitted in all new cars (compulsory)
- 1974 - New Road Traffic Act – County Councils given statutory responsibility for Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity (ETP)
- 1983 - Became law for seat-belts to be worn by all front seat passengers
- 1987 - Rear seat belts fitted in all new cars (compulsory)
- 1988 - Department of Transport (DoT) set first road safety target – to reduce road fatalities to less than 2,000 by the year 2,000

**1990-2010 Students to research and continue the time-line.....****Clues:**

- The DoT is currently called the DfT (Dept for Transport) but has had other names in between
- Various casualty reduction targets have been set
- The Highway Code has had changes
- The Driving Test has had changes
- Seat-belt law has changed, including the law regarding child car-seats
- Car tax categories have changed
- MOT certificate requirements have changed
- The New Driver Act has been introduced
- Motorcycle law has changed
- Tachographs have been introduced
- **What else can you find has been changed or introduced?**