## Hello long-distance drivers - food for thought on emergency braking

You like to drive at $89 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$. To make sure no one gets in your way, you sometimes leave a distance of only 30 m . If the driver in front of you brakes dangerously, you can just make it if you have a good reaction time and full braking power, or you hit him at a very low differential speed. Fender bender -
 that's trouble with the boss.
If you are inattentive for one second longer, your differential speed of 43 $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{h}$ on impact is enough to injure you very seriously or to crush a car and kill the occupants. At three or more seconds, the thrust of your load will kill you on impact. The firefighters then have to cut your crushed body out of the cab wreckage. This is very stressful for the first responders. At a distance of $50 \mathrm{~m}, 2$ seconds reaction time is barely enough for you. At three or more seconds of distraction or inattention, you're dead. It's not the lack of distance alone that kills you. It's the lack of attention. 15 drivers have already died like this in Germany in 2021. You don't want to be next!

For those who are still not completely convinced: 4 people died in this accident because the 60-year-old experienced driver was inattentive and hit the car at $81 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ without braking. The only survivor, the daughter of a family of 4 , will probably suffer for the rest of her life. Every fatal accident causes stress disorders in an average of 113 people. Who wants to be responsible for that? (6)


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