

# Tennessee DriveSafe Online 4 Hour Practice Exam (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

**Remember:** successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

## Questions

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- 1. Which of the following describes actions during a tire blowout?**
  - A. Accelerate to regain control.**
  - B. Turn the steering wheel sharply toward traffic.**
  - C. Grip steering wheel firmly; decelerate gradually; pull to a safe location.**
  - D. Slam on the brakes immediately.**
  
- 2. Which statement about the driving course is accurate?**
  - A. The course lasts four hours and includes a final exam.**
  - B. The course lasts six hours and includes breaks.**
  - C. The course lasts two hours with no final exam.**
  - D. The course lasts eight hours with no testing.**
  
- 3. Using a hands-free device eliminates cognitive distraction.**
  - A. True**
  - B. False**
  - C. Depends on the driver**
  - D. Still possible cognitive distraction**
  
- 4. When you see a fire engine with lights and siren behind you, you should:**
  - A. Continue driving at the same speed**
  - B. Turn left to create path**
  - C. Pull over to the right and stop your car**
  - D. Stop in the middle of the lane**
  
- 5. What is a safe lane change procedure?**
  - A. Change lanes only at intersections.**
  - B. Change lanes without signaling when traffic is light.**
  - C. Check mirrors and blind spots, signal, and move smoothly into the adjacent lane.**
  - D. Cut across multiple lanes in one move.**

- 6. To recover from hydroplaning, you should:**
- A. Brake immediately**
  - B. Steer sharply**
  - C. Accelerate**
  - D. Ease your foot off the gas**
- 7. Which of the following are reasons that someone will want to increase following distance?**
- A. To improve visibility of the road ahead**
  - B. To give yourself more time to react to hazards**
  - C. All**
  - D. To avoid tailgating**
- 8. What are typical signs of driver fatigue?**
- A. Increased alertness and faster reaction times.**
  - B. Daydreaming, yawning, drifting, slower reaction times; stop and rest.**
  - C. Constantly maintaining perfect lane position.**
  - D. Never feeling tired regardless of duration.**
- 9. For a first DUI conviction, penalties can include which of the following?**
- A. Fines**
  - B. Jail time**
  - C. All of the above**
  - D. License suspension**
- 10. Almost \_\_\_ of the people who dies in fatal car accidents weren't wearing a seatbelt**
- A. Half**
  - B. One quarter**
  - C. Three quarters**
  - D. All**

## Answers

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1. C
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. D
7. C
8. B
9. C
10. A

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## **Explanations**

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1. Which of the following describes actions during a tire blowout?
- A. Accelerate to regain control.
  - B. Turn the steering wheel sharply toward traffic.
  - C. Grip steering wheel firmly; decelerate gradually; pull to a safe location.**
  - D. Slam on the brakes immediately.

When a tire blowout happens, the priority is to keep the vehicle under control and move it to a safe location. Gripping the steering wheel firmly helps you stay on a straight path even if the car pulls toward the blown tire. Decelerate gradually by easing off the accelerator and avoid slamming on the brakes, which can cause a skid or loss of control. Once you can do so safely, steer toward the shoulder or a safe area and pull over. After you're off the road, turn on hazard lights and stay in the vehicle or move to a safe spot away from traffic. Accelerating to "regain control," turning sharply toward traffic, or braking hard immediately can all worsen the situation and increase the chance of losing control.

2. Which statement about the driving course is accurate?
- A. The course lasts four hours and includes a final exam.**
  - B. The course lasts six hours and includes breaks.
  - C. The course lasts two hours with no final exam.
  - D. The course lasts eight hours with no testing.

The driving course is designed to be completed in four hours and includes a final exam. This structure provides a concise, single-session format and uses the final assessment to confirm what you've learned. The other options don't fit because they describe different durations or omit the final exam, which doesn't align with how this course is structured.

3. Using a hands-free device eliminates cognitive distraction.
- A. True
  - B. False**
  - C. Depends on the driver
  - D. Still possible cognitive distraction

Cognitive distraction can persist even when using a hands-free device. The brain has limited attention resources, and chatting on the phone—even hands-free—pulls mental focus away from driving tasks like scanning the road, judging distances, and anticipating hazards. When you're engaged in a conversation, you may recognize traffic events later or react more slowly, because part of your mental effort is devoted to understanding what's being said and formulating a response. This means hands-free devices don't remove cognitive load; they just reduce the need to physically hold the phone or look at it. So the statement is not true: cognitive distraction can still occur even with hands-free use.

**4. When you see a fire engine with lights and siren behind you, you should:**

- A. Continue driving at the same speed**
- B. Turn left to create path**
- C. Pull over to the right and stop your car**
- D. Stop in the middle of the lane**

When an emergency vehicle with lights and siren is behind you, the priority is to yield the right of way and give them a clear path. The best move is to pull over to the right edge of the road and stop. This creates space for the firefighter crew to work and reduces the risk of a collision as they pass. After stopping, remain in place until the emergency vehicle has passed and it's safe to merge back into traffic. In Tennessee and most places, you should not try to outrun the vehicle or stay in the middle of a lane. Continuously driving at the same speed would block the path and delay responders. Turning left to "make a lane" can be dangerous and still impedes the emergency vehicle. Stopping in the middle of the lane blocks traffic and prevents the emergency vehicle from getting through quickly. If you're on a multi-lane road, move to the rightmost lane if safe and stop, or use the shoulder only if it's safe to do so.

**5. What is a safe lane change procedure?**

- A. Change lanes only at intersections.**
- B. Change lanes without signaling when traffic is light.**
- C. Check mirrors and blind spots, signal, and move smoothly into the adjacent lane.**
- D. Cut across multiple lanes in one move.**

Safe lane changes rely on clear communication with other drivers and careful space checks. Start by checking your mirrors to see traffic behind and in the lanes beside you. Then briefly look over your shoulder to check the blind spots in the direction you want to move, because vehicles can hide in those spots even when your mirrors show nothing. Signal your intention early so others know what you're about to do. When you find a safe gap, smoothly steer into the adjacent lane, maintaining your current speed and steady steering so your movement is predictable. Finish the maneuver by settling into the lane and continuing to monitor traffic. This approach avoids common risks: changing lanes at intersections is typically unsafe due to cross-traffic; changing lanes without signaling leaves others unaware of your plans; and attempting to move across multiple lanes in one motion makes it very hard to see vehicles in blind spots and increases the chance of a collision.

**6. To recover from hydroplaning, you should:**

- A. Brake immediately**
- B. Steer sharply**
- C. Accelerate**
- D. Ease your foot off the gas**

Hydroplaning happens when a thin layer of water between the tires and the road reduces traction. The correct move is to ease your foot off the gas so the car slows down gradually and the tires can regain contact with the road. Slamming on the brakes or accelerating can push you further out of control, and steering sharply while hydroplaning can cause you to lose directional control. Once you feel the tires gripping again, continue with smooth, controlled steering and braking as needed.

**7. Which of the following are reasons that someone will want to increase following distance?**

- A. To improve visibility of the road ahead**
- B. To give yourself more time to react to hazards**
- C. All**
- D. To avoid tailgating**

Increasing following distance improves safety in several ways. It gives you more time to react to hazards, since you have a larger window to notice sudden braking or obstacles and respond smoothly. It also improves visibility of the road ahead, because with more space you're less likely to be blocked by the vehicle in front and can see hazards sooner. And it helps you avoid tailgating, which reduces the risk of a rear-end collision and the stress or abrupt braking that can follow. Because these benefits all come from keeping more space between you and the vehicle ahead, this is why all of these are valid reasons to increase following distance. In practice, use the three-second rule in good conditions, and increase to four seconds or more in wet, icy, or low-visibility conditions.

**8. What are typical signs of driver fatigue?**

- A. Increased alertness and faster reaction times.**
- B. Daydreaming, yawning, drifting, slower reaction times; stop and rest.**
- C. Constantly maintaining perfect lane position.**
- D. Never feeling tired regardless of duration.**

Fatigue slows your awareness and reaction time, so you'll notice warning signs that you're getting tired while driving. Typical signs include daydreaming or drifting attention away from the road, yawning, and slower, less reliable reactions to braking or steering. You might also drift out of your lane because your mind isn't fully focused on the drive. When you notice these signs, the safest move is to stop somewhere safe and rest before continuing. Other descriptions don't fit fatigue as well. Increased alertness and faster reaction times would indicate you're not fatigued, while constantly maintaining a perfect lane position is unlikely when tired. Feeling never tired is unrealistic for any long drive.

**9. For a first DUI conviction, penalties can include which of the following?**

- A. Fines**
- B. Jail time**
- C. All of the above**
- D. License suspension**

A first DUI conviction can bring multiple penalties, not just one. Monetary fines are a common consequence, and a jail sentence may be imposed for a first offense in many jurisdictions. In addition, driving privileges are typically restricted through a suspension or revocation of the license. In Tennessee, for example, a first-offense DUI is usually classified as a Class A misdemeanor, with potential penalties including a fine (up to about \$1,500), jail time (up to 11 months 29 days), and license revocation for up to one year. Because each of these penalties can apply, the best choice is all of the above.

**10. Almost \_\_\_ of the people who dies in fatal car accidents weren't wearing a seatbelt**

**A. Half**

**B. One quarter**

**C. Three quarters**

**D. All**

The key idea is understanding how seat belts influence fatal crash outcomes. Data show that about half of the people who die in fatal car crashes were not wearing a seat belt. Seat belts are the single most effective restraint, slowing you down with the car and reducing injuries, even preventing ejection from the vehicle. That's why the estimate is around 50%. The other options don't fit because a quarter would undershoot the typical share of unbelted fatalities, three quarters would overshoot, and all would imply every fatality was unbelted, which isn't supported by the data. So choosing half matches the real-world pattern.

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## Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**

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