

## Car accidents happen everyday on the streets and highways in Lexington.

No matter how safely and defensively you drive, the other drivers on the road could be driving negligently and recklessly.

According to Lexington police department statistics, the department responds to more than 6,000 traffic calls every month. The department tracks accidents, traffic stops and DUI arrests, and makes these statistics available to the public. Here is what you need to know about staying safe in Lexington.



#### Where are accidents happening in Lexington?

In Lexington, most accidents occur between 1:00 and 4:00 pm, with an additional spike around 7:30 during morning rush hour. Due to the volume and speed of traffic traveling on it daily, Interstate 75 is one of the most dangerous roads in terms of traffic fatalities. However, the majority of accidents do not occur there. Here are the top 5 collision locations by frequency.



- 2 Man O War Blvd between Alumni Drive & Easthills Drive
- Bryan Ave-Bryan Station Rd & E New Circle Rd
- E New Circle Rd between KY4 Exit 15 ramp from US25 N & Life Ln-Woodhill Dr
- Moore Dr & Nicholasville Rd





## Accidents caused by drivers running red lights

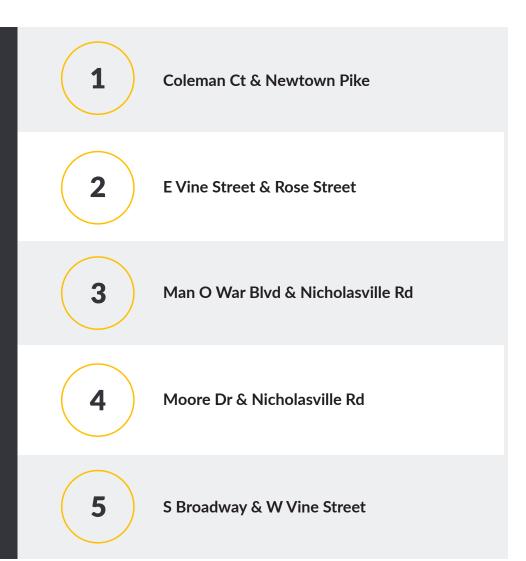
Every month in Lexington, and average of 75 collisions are caused because a vehicle runs a red light. Five intersections in Lexington stand out with the highest number of lights run.

Red light running accidents can be particularly dangerous because both vehicles moving through the intersection are usually traveling at high speeds. In the United States, approximately two people die every day in crashes where one driver ran a red light. No matter what the rationale, running a red light is never a good idea.

# Most dangerous intersections for red light running in Lexington

Research shows that over half of all drivers — 56 percent — admit to running red lights some of the time. Some people run red lights because they are in a hurry and feel the risk is justified. Others cannot help but run red lights because they are speeding and cannot stop in time. In Lexington, there are five intersections that see the most accidents monthly due to red light running.

These intersections include:



#### **Traffic citations in Lexington**

According to the Lexington police department, over 200,000 traffic citations and warnings are issued every year.

In Lexington, men are more likely to be issued both citations and warnings. Lexington police department statistics show that over the last five years:



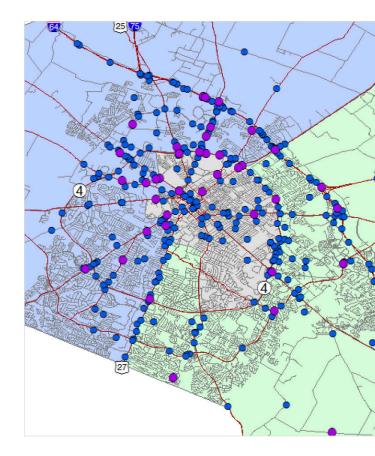
#### How does Fayette County rank?

Fayette County is Kentucky's second largest county, behind Jefferson County. Fayette County has approximately 323,000 people, and which is about double the number of people in the third largest county, Kenton County. The territory of Fayette County is coextensive with Lexington, meaning that Lexington is the only city in Fayette County.

In 2018, there were 13,582 Fayette County accidents reported. Of those, 2,150 resulted in non-fatal but serious injury, over 11,000 resulted in property damage, and 30 resulted in one or more fatalities. In total, 32 people were killed in Lexington car accidents and 2,976 were injured.

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#### Types of accidents in Fayette County

Drunk driving is a major problem in Kentucky. In 2018, there were a total of 3,580 Kentucky drunk driving accidents, 370 of which occurred in Fayette County. Over 160 people were seriously injured in Lexington drunk driving accidents in 2018 alone.

In 2016, there were 111 fatal Kentucky motorcycle accidents. This was the highest number of motorcycle fatalities in ten years. Despite what some may believe, most motorcycle accidents – 66 out of the total 11 – involved experienced riders with valid licenses who had obtained the motorcycle endorsement on their license. Just seven fatalities involved those without a license, and 14 involved motorcyclists with expired or suspended licenses.

#### According to the Kentucky state government, Fayette County ranks second for:

- Speed-related car accidents
- Motorcycle accidents
- Truck accidents
- Accidents resulting in serious injury
- Drunk driving accidents





#### Can I afford a Lexington accident lawyer?

Quite simply, the answer is "Yes." One of the reasons why Hessig & Pohl is such a popular choice among Lexington accident victims is that our representation does not cost you anything out-of-pocket.

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If you or a loved one has been involved in a car accident in the Lexington area, you need experienced personal injury lawyers on your side. The initial consultation is free. Hessig & Pohl is ready to help you.

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