

the vehicle to a good mechanic to check for problems with the braking system. It's better safe than sorry as brakes are components one should not fool around with.

Dangerous driving

Dear Editor, given the recent spate of irresponsible driving incidents involving youngsters in highly powered vehicles; shouldn't there be new laws in place to check on the youngsters? Another group at risk is the elderly. Let me explain. Young people who are well to do can afford powerful turbo/super charged vehicles and they tend to drive recklessly,



cutting in and out of traffic. Their driving patterns cause much distress and worry to law abiding citizens such as us. Elderly people, on the other hand, tend to road hog as well as have lapses of concentration which sees their vehicles veer dangerously to the right and left. Worse than that is some drive heavy vehicles. I have encountered both sets of drivers and am convinced they should not be allowed on our roads. As an expat and finding Singapore a first class place to reside and work in, I am dismayed that our roads are left unchecked. Shouldn't the age limit for obtaining a licence be raised and the elderly not allowed driving at a certain age? Nikolai Aleksandrovich

Dear Nikolai, I understand as an expatriate that you may have difficulty adapting to the Singapore style of driving. However, the traffic police are aware of such dangerous driving on the roads, and they do have stringent checks and road blocks. Bear in mind that they can't be everywhere at the same time, but you can do your part as a good citizen by tipping them off should you have news on illegal racing activities. As for the elderly, I believe

they are required by law to go for an annual check up before their licences are renewed. Heavy vehicle drivers are also monitored by the traffic police as well, so I believe we need to play our part by reporting errant motorists to help our traffic police keep our roads safe.



Ignition trouble

Dear Editor, when I start my old car up in the early mornings, the car starts up, hesitates, and then turns off. I turn the ignition key and the same thing repeats itself. Do you think my entire engine is gone? What seems to be the problem? Ms. Meena

Hi Meena, first things first, you have to check the battery for low levels of water in the battery cells. The check fuel filter and fuel pump as there could be a leak somewhere. We have reason to suspect that it could be the starter motor that is at fault too. If in doubt, the best thing to do would be to send it to a qualified mechanic for a thorough inspection.