



Acronym abuse

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To the Editor:

We here at the Thom Foote International School of Driving have noticed an alarming rise in the number of drivers texting while driving (TWD) and the amount of condemnation the TWDDs are receiving. We feel it is our duty to offer some helpful tips on how to do it safely.

In fact, we offer a full course on TWD at our school. As you read on, you will notice many chat abbreviations that you might not understand. We would refer you to the [NetLingo Dictionary](http://www.netlingo.com/acronyms.php) (<http://www.netlingo.com/acronyms.php>). Also rest assured we follow the guidelines of the AAAAA — American Association Against Acronym Abuse — when using them. We try not to use OMLAs. Of course, SSEWBA, and we won't need an IM dictionary. Our first reaction to the controversy was WABOC! WDALYIC? What gives you the right to condemn a TWDD? Then we reconsidered and determined we should help. When TWD, there a few basic safety rules:

1. Include no UVs, NTTAWWT!
2. Always keep at least one eye on the road to prevent a MVA w/PI.
3. If you do have an MVA w/PI, remember, INUCOSM.
4. If you find yourself in someone else's lane, and about to kiss their car NESEC, just look up, wave and try to communicate that there was NOFI;

If a TWDer threatens you, give them a VSF but refrain from practicing NI4NI because there was NOFI on their part too.

5. Finally, MHOTY, because it is a LPC that ITFA NALOPKT TWDing is an art and a skill.

Now, TWIWI? TYVM. TFLMS my thoughts on this matter. VCD!