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Check your mate - the pitfalls of lending your car

As footballer [Joey Barton](#) is due in court today (12 November) for failing to supply details of the driver of his car which was caught speeding, the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) reminds car owners that it pays to know the potential pitfalls of lending your car.

Peter Rodger, IAM Chief Examiner said: "We're coming up to the season of designated driving, and car owners should make sure they understand their responsibilities before handing over their keys.

"As a car owner, it's your responsibility to ensure your car is roadworthy, correctly taxed and insured. You will also be the one to bear the brunt of certain parking offences. [1]

"You also need to make sure the person borrowing has a valid driving licence, is insured and is not under the influence of drink or drugs.

"It's also worth bearing in mind that as a driver you have certain responsibilities for your passengers, for example making sure those under 14 are strapped in."

Owners are responsible for:

- Knowing who is driving the car
- Parking penalties
- Being insured

Drivers are responsible for:

- Seatbelt wearing by passengers under 14
- Having the right address on their driving licence
- Being insured

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Notes to editors:

1. Parking on double yellow lines and parking meter offences on the street.

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1. The IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) directly influences the driving and riding of more than 100,000 full members in the UK and Ireland. Established in 1956, the IAM is today best known for the advanced driving test and the advanced driving course, which is available to car, motorcycle and commercial licence holders. The IAM has grown to become the UK's largest independent road safety charity, dedicated to raising driving standards, engaging with the road-using public and influencing road safety policy. The commercial division of the IAM operates through occupational driver training companies IAM Fleet UK and Drive & Survive.

2. A 2006 report by Brunel University, following an 18 month study, concluded that "advanced driver training produces safer drivers and lower accident involvement", with measurable improvements in knowledge, skills and attitude.

3. In January 2007, the IAM Motoring Trust was established as the Policy and Research Division to undertake research, promote practical policies, act as an advocate for safer roads, safer drivers and safer vehicles and encourage responsible motoring through education and training.

