

Accidents Cost Huge Amount

The enormous cost of accidents throughout the United States in 1963 totaled more than \$16,100,000,000, according to an analysis by Keystone Automobile Club of the latest available figures from the National Safety Council.

Administrative and claim settlement costs of insurance accounted for \$3,350,000,000; property damage in motor-vehicle accidents amounted



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Q. Talking on the telephone at our house is like addressing a public meeting. We have extensions all over the house, and I have a little brother for every extension. Their favorite game is listening in when I'm talking to friends, especially boys. Not only do they listen, but they make funny noises, like moans and taps. I've threatened them with everything I can think of, but nothing does any good.

A. Have a talk with your mother and father and enlist their backing for telephone privacy. You can show your own good faith by promising to observe telephone courtesy yourself. For example, don't make yourself a target for eavesdroppers by monopolizing the phone. Be as polite to your brothers' friends when they call as you are to your own. And one more tip — don't show your irritation. If the kids don't think you care, they'll get bored and leave you alone.

Q. There's a girl in our crowd everybody calls "Cafeteria" because she helps herself to whatever she wants. She's always borrowing things without asking first — pencils from other people's desks, paper, tissues from our locker if she happens to be there when the door is open. She

has even opened by purse and used my lipstick without asking. Is there any tactful way to make her realize how rude this is?

A. Be direct. Call her borrowing ways to her attention. Tell her it's okay but . . . next time ask me, okay? A few pointed examples will help, too.

Q. I'm giving a very informal party, and I have almost everything planned except the food. I'd like to serve something a little different, and was thinking of a shrimp fry. But I want something that can be eaten with the fingers, since everybody will be sitting on the floor. Would it be okay to serve shrimp this way?

A. Absolutely. Treat the shrimp just as though it were fried chicken at a picnic and serve it in individual baskets. This way you won't even have plates to wash after the party. Just line the baskets with Kleenex table napkins — and be sure to have plenty of additional napkins within easy reach. If you like, you can carry the picnic theme further. Use bigger baskets for serving dishes for the potato chips, french fries, or whatever you plan to serve with the shrimp.

to \$2,600,000,000; medical fees and hospital expenses topped \$1,550,000,000 and wage losses soared to \$4,700,000,000.

Altogether, motor-vehicle accident costs were put at \$7,700,000,000 in 1963. That total includes the aforementioned \$2,600,000,000 of property damage and an estimated \$5,100,000,000 cost of injuries and insurance.

It should be noted that the administrative and claim settlement cost of insurance is the difference between premiums and is part of the accident cost total. Claims paid by insurance companies are not identified separately in the total.

Motor-vehicle accidents were responsible for 43,600 deaths in 1963, when 101,000 persons died in all accidents recorded in the United States. Fires and burns took a toll of 8,100

A communist is a fellow who borrows your pot to cook your goose in.

lives and some 6,400 persons were drowned.

Other accident fatalities:

Railroad accidents, 2,100; firearms, 2,200; poisons, 2,000 and poison gases 1,400. All other types of accidents, involving machinery, air transportation, excessive heat, cataclysm and suffocation accounted for the remainder.

Motor-vehicle accident fatalities in 1963 were 7 per cent greater than in 1962. In 1963, there were 23 times as many deaths as in 1910, but there were more than 180 times as many vehicles on the highway and they were traveling farther and faster.

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