

YEAR	Landmark	Comment
1835	Highways Act	The first major traffic law measure
1865	Red Flag Act	Limiting the speed of vehicles to speeds of 4 mph in rural areas and 2 mph in towns
1872	Licensing Act	It became illegal to be drunk whilst in charge of carriages, horses, cattle or steam engines.
1878	Bicycle Touring Club founded	Subsequently changed name to Cyclists' Touring Club, CTC
1896	Locomotives on Highways Act Formation of Daimler Motor Company	In celebration of the act being passed an <i>Emancipation Run</i> , took place on 14 November 1896 when thirty vehicles travelled from London to Brighton. Vehicle speed raised to 14 mph They produced 89 cars in the first 8 months of production.
1896	First recorded pedestrian fatality	Bridget Driscoll is the first person to die in a petrol-engined car accident The coroner said he hoped "such a thing would never happen again".
1899	First recorded driver and passenger fatalities	Edwin Sewell and Major Richer are thrown from their vehicle on Harrow on the Hill Middlesex.
1903	Motor Car Act	introduced the mandatory <u>Vehicle registration</u> of all motor cars with the <u>county council</u> or <u>county borough</u> council in which the driver was resident. Vehicle speed raised to 20 mph
1907	Cabs with meters began operating in London	
1916	London Safety First Council formed	
1923	National Safety First Association formed	
1926	First year Road casualty data collected (STATS 19)	There were 4,886 fatalities in some 124,000 crashes.
1930	Road Traffic Act	The Act repealed the <u>Locomotive Acts</u> of 1865, the <u>Locomotives on Highways Act 1896</u> and the <u>Motor Car Act 1903</u> and introduced many new regulations which controversially included the removal of all speed limits for motor cars - compulsory driving tests HGV licences
1931	First edition of the	

	Highway Code	
1934	Road Traffic Act Belisha Beacons added to pedestrian crossings	Reintroduce a speed limit for cars, of 30mph in built-up areas,.- The <u>UK driving test</u> was made compulsory for all new drivers – Vehicle lighting required – safety glass and windscreen wiper regulations. Pedestrian crossings shown by rows of metal studs on the road surface
1935	Road Traffic Act	Voluntary resting introduced Mr J Beene first recorded pass at a cost of 7 shillings and 6d (37 1/2p)
1936	A national cycle training scheme was devised and proposed to government in by CTC	Cycle Touring Club
1939	Blackout introduced for wartime Driving tests suspended for duration of war	By the end of the first month of war there had been 1,130 road deaths attributed to the blackout, and coroners urged pedestrians to carry a newspaper or a white handkerchief to make them more visible.
1941	National Safety First Association changed to Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents	
1949	Introduction of Zebra Crossings	Original stripes Blue and Yellow
1953	School Crossing Patrol Act	Lollipop men and women assist children on their way to and from school
1958	National Cycling Training Scheme introduced First motorway opened	8¼ mile long M6 Preston Bypass on the 5th December.
1961	Tufty Club formed	For children under 5 years old Membership half as crown (12 1/2p)
1962	Panda crossings introduced	Triangles rather than stripes
1965	70 mph limit on motorways	

1967	X-Way crossings trialled Road Traffic Act	Lasted 18 months only Introduced the first legal maximum blood alcohol limit. The Breathalyser Act
1969	Pelican crossing introduced First official driving manual published	Driving – the Ministry of Transport Manual price 12 shillings and 6d (62 1/2p)
1970	Road Traffic (driving instruction) Act	Register of driving instructors compulsory
1971	Green Cross Code	Replaced the Kerb Drill
1972	age for riders of 50cc plus motorbikes raised	From 16 to 17
1973	Motorcycle helmet law introduced	
1974	Statutory duty to promote road safety placed on Local Authorities	
1975	Test candidates no longer need to demonstrate hand signals	
1976	Green Cross Man campaign	Actor David Prowse, a former Mr Universe and best known for his portrayal of Darth Vader in Star Wars, portrayed this role on TV adverts
1989	Highway Code for Young Road Users	Formally a Highway code for children revised and adopted by DoT for issue to child cyclists under training
1991	Road Traffic Act	New offence of “Causing death by driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs”.
1995	Pass Plus Scheme introduced	To help newly qualified drivers gain experience
1996	Written theory test introduced	
2002	Hazard perception element introduced to theory test	Used video footage
2003	Show me tell me questions	Vehicle maintenance questions added to the beginning to the driving test
2008	Eco – safe driving assessment introduced in driving test	
2009	2 part motorcycle test introduced	