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Satnav blamed for 300,000 accidents

Nothing to do with the idiot behind the wheel

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A new survey from Direct Line covering a whopping 2,000 consumers has shockingly revealed that satnav is "to blame" for around 300,000 road accidents.

The data compiled suggests that these GPS-owning consumers say that their devices "made them" go through a no-entry sign (26%), had "taken them" to the wrong place (21%) or "caused them" to hesitate on a busy road (19%).

18% said satnavs had "reduced their awareness of what was going on around them", while 10% had made a dangerous, late or illegal turn, apparently because the device's sultry voice had insisted they do so.

Maggie Game, head of motor insurance for Direct Line, and clearly a clever individual, said: "If a satnav system gives you an instruction which is likely to endanger other road users, you should ignore it".

