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University of Granada reveals increase of elderly drivers than others

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Drivers aged over 60 have higher crash rates in non problematic operating environments -as in junctions- than drivers of other age groups. Although elderly drivers present deteriorated driving abilities, they have proved to be more cautious, to compensate such deficiencies. This way, older drivers avoid engaging in risky behaviours like speeding, passing dangerously or driving under the effects of alcohol.

Such were the conclusions drawn of the study conducted by University of Granada researchers and recently published in Revista Española de Geriatria y Gerontología, where a comprehensive study was developed on the relationship between authors of this study are **David Cantón Cortés**, **Mercedes Duñida Castro Ram-rez**, professors of the Faculty of Psychology of the University of Granada.

In the last decades, a significant increase of crash rates for drivers has been reported. However, and contrary to the general opinion,



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Researchers note that "24.8% of drivers aged over 74 years k remark that, although accident rates are lower for elderly drivers involved in a car crash, the injuries they suffer are more serious aged or of young drivers".

David Cantan concludes that "age does not seem to be a contraindication for accidents". Additionally, a number of studies have found that "between keeping driving and having higher satisfaction rates in other words, old people are happier when they keep driving, since it

University of Granada researchers remark that a limit of age is not recommended and that "the authorities should allow elderly drivers to keep driving, providing that this does not involve any risk for their own or others".

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