

good question!

how bad is it to flash your high beams at other drivers to alert them to a nearby cop?

Road code is a good thing when you flash your lights at night or in the rain to remind other drivers to turn theirs on, but not so if you're signaling to a speeding driver about a police car. First up, in many states—including Arizona, Kentucky, and Texas—it's actually illegal to put on high beams near another driver (it could cause temporary blindness and an accident). Then, of course, there's the question of ethics: Car accidents involving speed kill close to 10,000 Americans every year. Reporting a speed trap on a traffic app like Waze is no better; it's like cyber high beams. As Dwight Merriam, former chair of the American Bar Association section of state and local government law, says: "Given the stats, it's more wrong than right to help speeders avoid getting a ticket, which acts as a deterrent to further speeding."

● **SUPER BAD!**



how bad is it to use the hand dryer in a public restroom?

There's definitely something in the air. Compared with paper towel dispensers, there can be up to 27 times more bacteria hovering around jet-powered dryers and six times more bacteria near standard warm-air dryers, found a study from the University of Leeds in England. "Bacteria and viruses that don't come off during handwashing can get blown around, along with others already in the restroom," says study author Mark Wilcox, M.D. "These can linger for more than 15 minutes, though this doesn't necessarily mean you will get sick." That's hit or miss. If you have a choice, use paper towels, then grab that germ-y bathroom door handle with one.

● **PRETTY BAD!**

