

## Dangerous driving – step 2 factors

### Starting point and category range

	Culpability		
	A	B	C
Harm 1	<b>Starting Point:</b> 1 year 6 months <b>Category range:</b> 1 – 2 years	<b>Starting Point:</b> 1 year <b>Category range:</b> 26 weeks – 1 year 6 months	<b>Starting Point:</b> 26 weeks <b>Category range:</b> High level community order – 1 year
Harm 2	<b>Starting Point:</b> 1 year <b>Category range:</b> 26 weeks – 1 year 6 months	<b>Starting Point:</b> 26 weeks <b>Category range:</b> High level community order – 1 year	<b>Starting Point:</b> High level community order <b>Category range:</b> Low level community order – 26 weeks

Where another offence or offences arise out of the same incident or facts concurrent sentences **reflecting the overall criminality** of offending will ordinarily be appropriate: please refer to the *Totality* guideline and step five of this guideline.

Below is a **non-exhaustive** list of additional elements providing the context of the offence and factors relating to the offender. Identify whether a combination of these or other relevant factors should result in any upward or downward adjustment from the sentence arrived at so far.

#### Factors increasing seriousness

##### *Statutory aggravating factors:*

- Previous convictions, having regard to a) the **nature** of the offence to which the conviction relates and its **relevance** to the current offence; and b) the **time** that has elapsed since the conviction
- Offence committed whilst on bail

##### *Other aggravating factors:*

- Victim was a vulnerable road user, including pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders
- Driving for commercial purposes
- Driving an LGV, HGV or PSV etc
- Other driving offences committed at the same time as the dangerous driving
- Blame wrongly placed on others
- Failed to stop and/or assist or seek assistance at the scene
- Passengers, including children
- Vehicle poorly maintained
- Offence committed on licence or while subject to court order(s)

**Factors reducing seriousness or reflecting personal mitigation**

- No previous convictions or no relevant/recent convictions
- Impeccable driving record
- Actions of the victim or a third party contributed significantly to collision
- Offence due to inexperience rather than irresponsibility (where offender qualified to drive)
- Genuine emergency
- Efforts made to assist or seek assistance for victim(s)
- Remorse
- The victim was a close friend or relative
- Serious medical condition requiring urgent, intensive or long-term treatment
- Age and/or lack of maturity
- Mental disorder or learning disability
- Sole or primary carer for dependent relatives