

# HOW TO ESCAPE A WILD TAXI RIDE

- ★ **Claim you have no money.**  
Tell the cabbie you forgot your wallet. The ride should end immediately.
- ★ **Light a cigarette.**  
Tell the cabbie that his driving is making you nervous and light a cigarette (or a cigar, for better results). Smoking in cabs is usually illegal and your driver may stop the car.
- ★ **Threaten to vomit.**  
Inform the cabbie that his driving is making you sick. There are few things cabbies like less than a passenger who vomits in the backseat. The driver may ask you to exit the cab.
- ★ **Use your cell phone.**  
Make a loud show of pretending to call police (or the local taxi commission) and reporting the driver's name and license/medallion number. The driver will want to get rid of you as soon as possible.
- ★ **Run.**  
If the cab stops at a light, open the door and take off.



- ★ **Jump.**  
If the driver will not stop, wait until the cab approaches a turn or slows for a light. As the driver brakes, open the door on the side of the cab facing the sidewalk. Do not bail out into traffic. Tuck your chin to your chest, cover your head with your hands, and jump out of the car. Roll away from the taxi in a somersault position, protecting your head with your arms. If you have a bag or leather briefcase, hold it on top of your head for added protection. Make sure your path takes you away from the rear wheels. The cab's forward momentum will cause you to roll for several yards before coming to a stop.