

LED Incident Reports May 2025

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May 30, 2025 – Milton, DE – Migraine

Our Small town in Milton Delaware has begun installation of LED lights on our residential streets. There's lights are cause sleep disturbances and severe migraines. Walking the streets is like walking through a filly lit stadium. We live in the Broadkill River where birds migrate. We have all types of wildlife which will be negatively impacted by 150 W LED lamps.

May 28, 2025 – Henrico, VA – None

Driving at night here is increasingly dangerous LED lights on any vehicle are 95% blinding to facing drivers. Many people drive with their bright lights turned on as well, it says if nobody is taught or educated how to drive anymore. So bright lights coupled with LED bulbs.. LEDs need to be banned that's the first step. The next step is to make sure every state mandates that lights be checked annually and pointed down towards the road. The third step is that every person has to know how to work the bright lights in their car and know when they should and should never use them.

May 27, 2025 – Avon, MN – Astigmatism

I am middle-aged and have had keratoconus/astigmatism for at least 25 years. However, I have NEVER had so much difficulty with headlights as I have in recent years with the explosion of LEDs on the road. Mind you, this is not just a night problem. I've already given up driving at night at this point. But DAYTIME driving is nearly intolerable as well, since these LEDs ARE ON ALL THE TIME. Although they are all too bright, some are very clearly worse than others, either because of their design or poorly placed after-market lights. Obviously, this is a regulatory FAILURE as our roads are a Wild West of mildly irritating to extremely glaring and dangerous lights with ZERO accountability for the offenders.

I wear layers of various tinted lenses to mitigate the problem, but for some lights, it is not enough. I often have to resort to holding up my hand to block the oncoming lights. This is obviously not ideal as it obscures a large portion of the road, but this is what you are forcing me to do. Add to that the tension and anxiety this triggers in me, and you have a recipe for increased accidents. ANGRY DRIVERS ARE NOT SAFE DRIVERS.

At this point, I don't dare take a job that isn't 100% work-from-home. You have needlessly constrained my options.

There was absolutely nothing wrong with incandescent headlights. LEDs are completely unnecessary, and manufacturers have been marketing these to Lazy Entitled Drivers. Serious regulation of these lights is LONG OVERDUE. Every day you fail to act, you are causing us harm.

May 27, 2025 – Woonona, NSW, Australia – Migraine

I have a condition which causes intense headaches and eyestrain when exposed to almost all OLED and, more recently, newer LCD panels (e.g. latest MacBooks), presumably due to PWM and/or PAR.

It has never occurred with CRTs or older displays. I have had extensive eye checks with multiple ophthalmologists, but they can find nothing wrong except mild astigmatism. The general diagnosis I have been given is “idiopathic migraines” and advice to “avoid such displays.”

However, they are now everywhere. Apple, for example, doesn’t make a single laptop or phone anymore that uses their older non-flickering tech. Other manufacturers are starting to do the same. There’s no single flagship phone that doesn’t use OLED with PWM. As my entire career has been built in IT, this is slowly becoming a huge concern. As the older hardware becomes outdated, breaks and becomes harder to find, I might find myself completely unable to interact with modern tech. I have written to accessibility teams at Apple, Google and Microsoft to ask for possible tuning options to no avail.

May 21, 2025 – Chicago, IL – Other

TODAY AS IN EVERY DAY!!!! F*** my eyes!!! Seeing spots several super bright ignorants and NOTHING STILL being done !!!! They are conditioning us for insanity and violence. Why is the world doing this???????? I feel sorry for babies and animals who don’t know NOT TO LOOK. Health is harmed and this is severely criminal by Feds and Automakers and Eye Dr’s. ignoring this.

May 20, 2025 – Kokomo, IN

These headlights give me a migraine every time. Whether it’s a vehicle behind me, coming towards me, or in my line of vision at all. They blinding and definitely interfere with driving. I’ve had to pull over because of these. I just quit leaving my home at night. A migraine takes you down, fast, and for a couple of days. The so called safer visibility for the owners, well those are called “brights” to be used as necessary.

May 5, 2025 – Chicago, IL – Electromagnetic Sensitivity

OMG where do I start?? Multiply this report for every day until this STOPS for GOOD!! We are living in a pure nightmare of torment and torture. We are being conditioned for insanity and violence. These lights have a strong effect on vision and brain and right now my head hurts as I saw the BRIGHTEST AND WORST EVER today!!! How are people allowed to harm us and use this as weapons!???? What will we become??? Nothing done and it’s getting worse and our freedom to drive is stolen at all times. This is just the beginning of worse. My sanity is almost gone.

May 3, 2025 – Seattle, WA – None

Blinded by lights in traffic, rendering inability to see where I am driving. Pain and danger. Even own rental car lights reflecting off of car in front of me blinds with daytime running lamps. Cannot turn off and end up having to slow dangerously on freeway.