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Spouses secretly dinging cars and getting traffic tickets, according to Insure.com study

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April 17, 2013 (Foster City, CA) – When your spouse drives away from home, there's a good chance they're harboring some secrets about their driving. Like having dinged the car and blamed someone else, or knowing they're driving uninsured.

In a new survey of married adults by Insure.com:

- 35 percent of respondents admitted to dinging the car and telling their spouse someone else did it.
- 25 percent said they'd received a traffic ticket and kept it secret from their spouse.
- 24 percent said they'd kept a car accident secret from their spouse.
- 19 percent hadn't told their spouse that they had forgotten to pay an auto insurance bill.
- 15 percent admitted they had knowingly driven without car insurance but not told their spouse.

Men have a higher propensity for lying across the board. When results for wives vs. husbands were examined, Insure.com found that 42 percent of men dinged the car and blamed someone else, compared to 27 percent of women.

Married men also display a high distrust of their wives, albeit unfounded. Husbands suspect their wives of lying far more than their wives actually do.

- 38 percent of men think "it's possible" or know that their wives kept a car accident secret. Yet only 17 percent of wives say they've done so.

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- 32 percent of men think “it’s possible” or know that their wives have kept a traffic ticket secret, but only 16 percent of women say they’ve kept mum about a traffic ticket.

“I suspect men are assuming that women have the same capacity for deception that they do,” said Amy Danise, editorial director for Insure.com.

Conversely, Insure.com’s survey shows that wives are far too trusting.

- 23 percent of wives say “it’s possible” or they know their husbands have hidden a car accident, while 31 percent of husbands say they’ve done it.
- 25 percent of women say “it’s possible” or they know their husbands had secret traffic tickets, while 34 of husbands admit they did.

“Women may see the family’s car insurance rates rising and not realize their husbands’ deceptive behavior is money out of their pockets,” said Danise.

See the full article at </car-insurance/spouse-lies.html>.

Insure.com surveyed 1,000 U.S. married adults in March 2013.

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