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My “brush” with an SUV

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What's going on? For the 2nd time in a week a driver almost ran me down. Last time while on her cell phone, the woman didn't even notice me. This time the driver saw me and either couldn't judge distance or just didn't care.

Here's the location - a school driveway that's the start and finish of our local 5k coming up in 3 weeks.



I wanted to run the course ahead of time to get used to the hills.

At the end of my run, as I was passing the parked school bus and hugging the right hand curb as you look at this photo, I was “brushed” by an SUV. There was enough room for a car to pass the bus, but not when a pedestrian was present. Perhaps the lady was annoyed that I was taking up some of HER road?

I was startled. I didn't hear the car at all and I NEVER wear headphones so I can always be aware of my surroundings. Of course she was moving slowly at driveway speed, but if I had taken that moment to move over a few steps, she would have run me over.

Maybe she was late for something important at school?
Maybe she had a sick child?

As I stretched afterward, I watched her proceed to the parking lot. She took the time to back into her space. Her problem was NOT lack of time.

I wondered why she couldn't have waited for me to clear the bus area. How long could it take me to run past the bus? Maybe 5 seconds?

What if I were a child? Would she have squeezed through anyway?

We have to watch out for ourselves. Many people are not watching out for us.
Be careful out there.

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Wow, how frightening! I hope you're doing okay and aren't too freaked out!
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CD13376265

I am glad she missed you! In a school zone too!
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ONEKIDSMOM

Amen! I would have been sorely tempted to confront her or at least THUMP her fender!
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MARYJEANSL

It truly is frightening to watch some drivers. I'm very glad you weren't hurt.
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DR1939

There is nothing like running or walking to make you realize how bad many drivers are. I've been almost hit a number of times by people turning right on red and by people not stopping for zebra crossings.
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CD4114015

It is TRULY scary the drivers that are on the roads! I am so glad that you were not hurt!

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MJZHERE

I also almost got run down last week. I was so angry I told the driver, you almost hit me (of course calm and quietly lol). He never responded, not even a sorry. In our city, you have to drive defensively at all times and be extra, extra watchful as a pedestrian.
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SYLPHINPROGRESS

"I was 'brushed' by an SUV" -- You don't mean that the car actually touched you??? No, you'd have called the police I hope. The woman should be taken to task in any case. I wish your "brush" had been more like mine, when I won an SUV sort of thing and owned it for 30 minutes before signing it over to my buyer and heading home with a check..
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JAMIRBLAZE

Glad you are okay! I've had a couple of scares lately as well - I definitely run the crosswalks faster these days.
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FORZACHANDMATT

So scary - it's amazing you didn't get hurt! People are so impatient
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WILSONWR

That is scary! There is absolutely no reason for a person to do that! I'm glad you're ok.
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FEISTYLIZARD

I'm glad you're okay! It seems there are people who drive who are openly hostile towards people who exercise outdoors- this kind of thing happens to cyclists all the time. But yeah. Stay safe!
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**KELLIEBEAN**

So many drivers are in their own little world, not taking the time to notice their surroundings! As a motorcycle rider and a runner, I see this all too often!!!



I lived a mile away from my previous job so many days, I walked or rode my bicycle. I always had to hesitate as I got to the right turn lane when crossing one street. Almost every day, someone would sail through the turn on a red without looking at the traffic they were getting into, let alone me about to cross in front of them.

I'm glad you are okay!
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**WATERMELLEN**

So glad you are OK!! Why don't people understand the sanctity and preciousness of life? I would have been tempted to take down her licence number and call the police . . . but oh well oh well oh well.



You are OK. The main thing!!
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**GINIEMIE**

As was said there always people who are NOT paying attention or focused on their thoughts. Glad you didn't get injured, too bad the bus driver wasn't in the bus, they sometimes will make comments to unsafe drivers around the school-at least ours used to. May the good Lord protect



you from the self centered people. 🙏💕🤗👧👦



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**CD9543726**

Wow. That's insane. Glad you weren't hurt!
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**TERI-RIFIC**

That is scary. Some people are just crazy. Once I stopped at a crosswalk to let a woman cross and some idiot woman tried to whip around me and almost hit her. I looked at the driver and she motioned that the sun was in her eyes. Well, when you can't see anything what a good reason to be whipping around another car. I reported her license number to the State Police but they did nothing. Even with being really careful, you do take a risk running where cars are. My daughter worries about me running on the main road and I worry about her, well basically everywhere, but we don't worry about ourselves. Stay safe.
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**MISCHAKEO**

Be careful my friend. There are always people out there who are not paying attention and who are careless. I am so glad you are OK.
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