

The Dangers of Texting While Driving

If you text and drive, you are **23x** more likely to be in an accident.

(The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute)

In 2012, driver distractions killed **3,328** people and injured **421,000**
(www.Distracted.gov)

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When sending or receiving a text, a driver's eyes leave the road for **4.6 seconds**. That's the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field, at 55 mph, **blind**.

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25% of teens responded to a text message at least once while driving, and **20%** of teens and **10%** of parents admit that they have extended multi-message text conversations while driving.

(University of Michigan Transportation Institute)

What You Can Do :

- ✓ **Set Rules Regarding Distracted Driving** – Give teen drivers simple, clear instructions not to use their wireless devices while driving. “On the road, off the phone” is the easiest way to say it!
- ✓ **Lead by Example** - If you need to text or talk on the phone, pull over to a safe place.
- ✓ **Become Informed** - The FCC is working with industry, safety organizations and other government agencies, to inform and educate the public about the dangers of distracted driving. To help in this effort, the FCC created the Distracted Driving Information Clearinghouse at www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/distracted-driving-information-clearinghouse
- ✓ **Be Active** - Tell family, friends and organizations to which you belong about the importance of driving without distractions. Take information to your children's schools and ask that it be shared with students and parents.