

After observing **5616** drivers.



This data shows that over **3533** drivers were distracted, that's **62.90%**

This infographic was created through observations, we were curious as to how much of what could distract people on the roads. With this data, you could assume that 2 out of 3 drivers on the road with you are distracted pretty scary, right?

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After Effects of Car Wrecks

Distracted driving continues to take the lives of many young people. In the past year, more than 2,700 teens have died due to distracted driving. Teen drivers need to be educated on driving distractions and how their actions can be deadly and effect other drivers on the road. It is important for new drivers to know that looking away for 5 seconds can cause an accident. If the current generation focused on how distracted driving affects lifes, eventually new drivers will know by common knowledge that being distracted while driving is a hazard beyond belief.

"When I woke up everyone was out of my car and I felt blood dripping out of my mouth. I had to climb through the passenger side because my door was jammed (Share). Tori Sepian stated.Tori was delineated when she was trying to get out of the car. She had so much on her mind, from the man yelling at her to the pain all over her body.Tori had stopped at a red light when a man going 45 miles per hour slammed into her rear end. She was in shock and didn't realize what was happening. The tragic accident happened on September 11, 2011. She will never forget this moment that affected her life severely. She had tremendous trauma to her face and back. "My bottom lip was fully detached from my gum (Share)." She currently is struggling to pay for the surgery in order to live life normally. She later found out the man who hit her was texting and driving. **Was it worth it?** Most people who text and drive are at risk of an accident and it could happen anytime as long as you aren't paying attention with your hands on the wheel while driving. On the 24th of August, Laura French, a 39 year old woman was driving down a high-

way when a car that was going 65 mph swerved into her lane and collided into her car head on. This accident changed her life forever. She now is not capable of walking without the help of her cane. The opposing driver hit her because they had leaned over to grab a can of soda. **Was it worth it?** Sending a small text, eating food, looking in the mirror, or anything that takes your eyes off the road can cause an accident that results in permanent damage to someone's life. To this day, the man who hit Laura French still sends her small gifts, hoping to make up for what he did. It is extremely difficult to recover from tragic accidents, nothing is worse than living with guilty due to wrecking someone's life.

People always hear about tragic accidents and stories that absolutely breaks their heart. Innocent lives are taken because of little things that could have been prevented. There are many stories of people who have lost loved ones due to another person's mistake and there are many people whose lives are filled with guilt from taking someone's life because they just couldn't put away the phone. At the end of the day, there is one question that is left unanswered: **Was it worth it?** Despite all the stories that people hear and all the awareness that is spread out to convince people to not use their phones while driving, people never listen. The reason why they never listen is because people never think something like that will actually happen to them. Sometimes the reason people don't care to listen is because they have never been impacted by it. Distracted driving is the number one leading cause of teenage death and accidents are real and can happen to anyone.

Insurance rates are going up because of careless driving and distracted drivers. Fifty hundred people today drive without car insurance. If just one of these people end up in a serious car accident a life or death situation will follow. They would not have the money to pay for their car or their hospital bills let alone the other person. For those with insurance, careful driving gives you and others the benefit of low insurance rates. This is a benefit for both those with and without insurance, if more people are careful, those with out insurance can afford it and those without don't have the risk of hitting someone with bad or no coverage. People all around the world can relate with these issues, if everyone took a second to think about the possible consequences before entering a car at least once a week, it could benefit everyone on the road and prevent more accidents before they happen.



Prevent the loss of innocent lives, take the pledge to not text and drive. Starting off by doing little attempts to change, little steps will lead to larger leaps. Anyone can create change if they really tried. It is stated that 32% of teens who drive while distracted do not think that anything bad will happen to them. They hear stories of tragic incidents and think that it would never happen to them. They never believe that they could actually cause that much harm. Put the phone away until you're off the road because you are not only putting your own life in danger but also the lives of other distracted drivers.

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Secure all pets in and means possible, while driving.

Ask other passengers to remind you to put down the phone.

Stay focused on the road ahead.

Don't spend too much time with the radio.

Put your phone on airplane mode.

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CAR FAX

In the last few years, distracted driving has turned into a very big problem. Each day in the United States, more than 1,060 people are injured in automobile accidents that involve a distracted driver. With all the advanced technology, drivers are more distracted than ever. The use of cellphones while driving has caused accident rates to greatly increase every year. Research states that drivers that use cell phones while driving are four times as likely to cause an accident than other drivers. Inexperienced teen drivers specifically are more at risk than any other age groups.

June 21, 2012 may have been just another day for most people, but for one person, it was as devastating as buying a mansion for your family and then losing it in a F5 tornado the next day. On that heart piercing day, Amanda Weber lost her sister, Sabrina Wilson. Sabrina was 31 years old from Douglas, WY. Sabrina was distracted by texting when she slammed into a semi. She took her eyes off the road for only a few seconds to send a text when her car slammed head with a semi-truck. Sabrina died immediately on impact.

"Our family has come together to start The Bree Promise group that was created on Facebook (Share). Today, the founders have over 17,000 people promising not to text and drive. Bree Promise group members continue to try to make the project international so people all over the world can take the pledge not to text and drive. Little things such as pledges can go a long way.

Lately, distracted driving with young drivers escalated into a very common problem. Studies show that alcohol-related accidents among teens has decreased but motor vehicle accidents among teens because of distractions have increased. Main distractions while driving are cell phones, grooming, food, pets, passengers, the radio, and the GPS. Young drivers represent 10% of all drivers and 14% of all drivers in crashes. Statistics show that 21% of drivers 15-19 years old were

distracted by a cell phone when they had an accident. Twenty percent of teens have even admitted to using their cell phone at least once while driving. With all this being said, what are the chances of you getting into a car wreck because your focus was not on the road? The average time it takes for you to look at a text is 5 seconds. During that 5 seconds, your car can travel the length of a football field. Imagine the damage you could do while traveling the distance of a football field with your focus not on the road. **Was that text worth it?**

Many states have banned the privileges of using electronic devices while driving. Yet a large amount of people still choose ignorance of laws stating use of telekinetic devices is illegal while operating a vehicle. Today, many pledges are made to stop texting and driving. When people make blunt decisions that cause drivers to end up in hospitals, firemen, police officers, paramedics, and sometimes even random people come together in order to save lives. Before getting in the car, turn off your phone or put it in the back seat. Sending a simple yet effective text that says, "I am getting in the car so I won't be able to text" could do you more good than harm. You can prevent the experience that many unfortunate people have experienced from distracted driving.

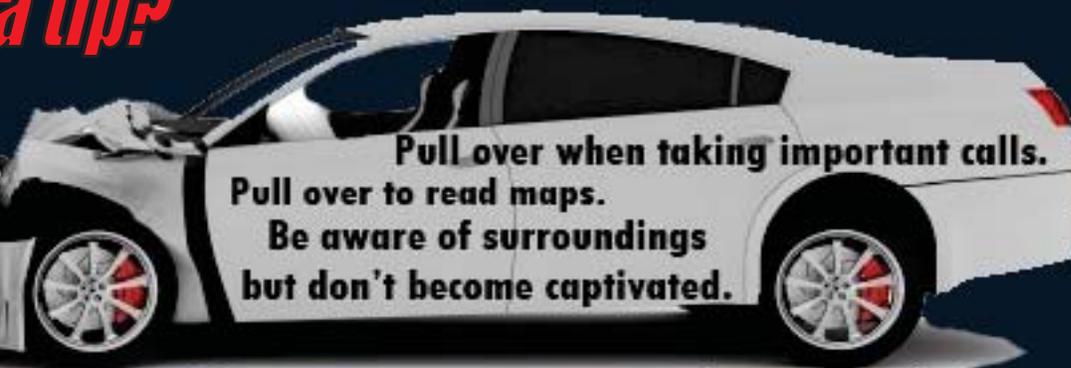
Distracted driving is very dangerous. Whether you're texting and driving, grooming yourself, reading, or talking, having your focus off the road can cause and lead up to fatal accidents. Those little things that you do in your car are all distractions that could potentially put your life or someone else's life in danger. Take a pledge, go the extra mile to prevent the loss of any more lives. It only takes two seconds to save a life and 5 seconds to ruin one. Put the phone away and drive safely.

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This graph shows the deaths caused by car accidents in Indiana from 2003 to 2013 along with the hottest phone released that year. There was a correlation between the release of the iPhone and the deaths. There was about a 150 drop in deaths but this still isn't significant enough for people to not try more in spreading awareness. The problem between the type of phone being used but the fact that people are still using them.

a tip?



Adjust mirrors, GPS, and seating BEFORE you drive.

If you're angered, relax or breath deep at stop lights to calm road