

Texting and Driving

**BE FORWARDED:
DANGER AHEAD**



Statistics

Texting while driving is perhaps the single most dangerous thing a driver can do – arguably even more dangerous than driving while under the influence of alcohol. *

Statistics

Daydreaming, fiddling with the radio, and using a cell phone have been cited in 75% of the United States' dangerous driving incidents. Although most Americans believe that talking on the phone and texting are the most dangerous behaviors behind the wheel, 81% of drivers admit to making phone calls while driving.

Statistics

For every 6 seconds of drive time, a driver sending or receiving a text message spends 4.6 of those seconds with their eyes off the road. This makes **texting the most distracting of all cell phone related tasks.**

Statistics

Teen drivers are three times more likely to be involved in a fatal car accident than any other age group. Car accidents remain the number one cause of death of people 16 to 20 years old.

Statistics

Just talking on a cell phone can double the likelihood of an accident and can slow a young driver's reaction time to that of a 70-year-old.

Statistics

The highest degree of
distracted driving
takes place in the age
group below 20 years.

Statistics

56% of teens in general admit to **talking** on the cell phone while driving and **13%** of teens admit to **texting** while driving.

Statistics

52% of teens age **16** and **17** admit that they make and answer phone calls while driving.

Statistics

34% of teens age **16** and **17** admit that they send and respond to **text** messages while driving.

Statistics

48% of Americans between **12 and 17** report that they have been in a car when the **driver** was engaged in **text** messaging.

A good video to watch at:

<http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=2964>

**This is the last few
feet of his car that
hit a semi head
on!!**

**This young man
was texting a
friend when he
crossed the
center line!!!!**













He did not survive



Personal Activity

Take out your wireless device.

Read the last text message you received out loud.

Would reading or responding to that text message while driving be worth the risk of getting into a car accident like the one you just saw?

I bet the message could wait.

Resources

- <http://www.edgarsnyder.com/car-accident/cell-phone/statistics.html>

- <http://notextingwhiledriving.us/>

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http://www.cnbc.com/id/31545004/Texting_And_Driving_Worse_Than_Drinking_and_Driving