

Distracted Driving Facts and Figures

- 1** 16% of fatal crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving (*NHTSA*)
- 2** 20% of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving (*NHTSA*)
- 3** Drivers who use hand-held devices are 4 times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves (*Monash University*)
- 4** Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted (*VTTI*)
- 5** Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of driving 55 mph the length of a football field blindfolded (*VTTI*)
- 6** Using a cell phone while driving, whether hand-held or hands-free, delays a driver's reaction as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 (*University of Utah*)
- 7** Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37% (*Carneige Mellon*)
- 8** In 2009, 5,474 people were killed in crashes involving driver distraction, and an estimated 448,000 were injured (*NHTSA*)
- 9** Teen drivers are more likely than other age groups to be involved in a fatal crash where distraction is reported (*NHTSA*)
- 10** 16% of all distracted driving crashes involve drivers under the age of 20 (*NHTSA*)
- 11** At any given moment during the daylight hours, over 800,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone (*NHTSA*)
- 12** Distraction occurs any time you take your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off the task of driving (*NHTSA*)
- 13** 34% of texting teens ages 16-17 say they have texted while driving (*Pew Internet*)
- 14** 52% of cell-owning teens ages 16-17 say they have talked on a cell phone while driving (*Pew Internet*)
- 15** 40% of all teens ages 12-17 say they have been in a car when the driver was using a cell phone in a way they put themselves or others in danger (*Pew Internet*)
- 16** 80% of motorists rate distracted driving as a very serious threat to their safety (*AAA Foundation*)

