

Safety Spotlight

Distracted Driving Awareness

April 2016

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness month. Take this opportunity to talk to your family and friends about the dangers of distracted driving and pledge to not be part of the statistics.

DISTRACTED DRIVING STATISTICS

	2014	2013	2012
# of people <i>killed</i> by distracted drivers	3,179	3,154	3,328
# of people <i>injured</i> by distracted drivers	431,000	424,000	421,000

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts your attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions including texting, reading, eating and grooming endanger the driver, the passenger, and bystander safety.

Don't be a distracted driver. Take the pledge today and make the commitment to drive distraction free today!

Take the Pledge

Distracted driving kills and injures thousands of people each year.
Make the commitment to drive phone-free today.

I pledge to:

- ✓ Protect lives by never texting or talking on the phone while driving.
- ✓ Be a good passenger and speak up if the driver in my car is distracted or texting and talking on the phone.
- ✓ Encourage family and friends to drive phone-free.

Visit www.distraction.gov for more information and to hear the personal stories of families left without their loved ones.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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5 seconds
the average time your eyes are off the road when texting ~ the equivalent of driving **blindfolded!**

169.3 billion
the number of text messages sent in the US every month!

10%
the number of drivers under the age of 20 involved in a fatal distracted driving crash!

6x
more dangerous than drinking and driving!

Please contact your public education team member below if we can help with any questions.

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Severe Weather Awareness

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Weather disasters such as floods and tornados affect thousands of people every year. You should know what your risks are and prepare to protect yourself, your family and community.

Severe Thunderstorms

If thunderstorm and lightning are occurring in your area, you should:

- ◆ Use your battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for updates from local officials.
- ◆ Avoid contact with corded phones and devices including those plugged into electric for recharging. Cordless and wireless phones not connected to wall outlets are OK to use.
- ◆ Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers and turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.
- ◆ Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, do not take a shower, do not wash dishes, and do not do laundry. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- ◆ Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- ◆ Avoid natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
- ◆ Avoid hilltops, open fields, the beach or a boat on the water.
- ◆ Take shelter in a sturdy building. Avoid isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.
- ◆ Avoid contact with anything metal—tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, and bicycles.
- ◆ If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.



Tornados

Quick facts you should know about tornadoes:

- ◆ Put on closed-toe shoes due to debris that might be left as a result of a tornado.
- ◆ Do not open windows.
- ◆ Go to a pre-designated area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of a small interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- ◆ In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.



Information provided by www.ready.gov

If your neighborhood or business would like a presentation from the Office of Emergency Management, please contact Ben Williamson or Renni Burt.

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