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# Car Crashes from Distractions

Over 2.5 million people in the U.S are involved in road accidents each year!

Don't text and drive, Otherwise You'll risk your life!

Most car crashes are caused from distractions....

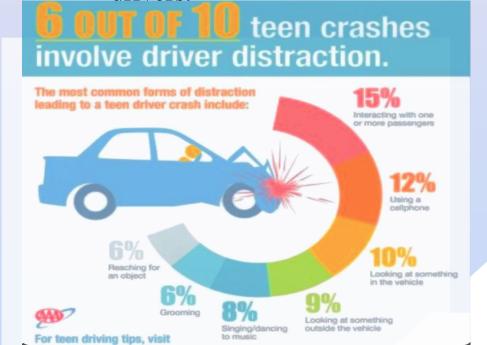
#### You drive. You text. You pay!

According to distracted driver.com, it states that "In the U.S. in 2018, over 2,800 people were killed and an estimated 400,000 were injured in crashes involving a distracted driver. About 1 in 5 of the people who died in crashes involving a distracted driver in 2018 were not in vehicles—they were walking, riding their bikes, or otherwise outside a vehicle.



## Did you know?

 Researchers say using a cell phone while driving creates enormous potential for deaths and injuries on U.S. roads. In 2018 alone, 2,841 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.



#### Other People's Opinions

- Although some people argue with the idea that distractions aren't a big deal and it doesn't make a difference if you look away for one second, you can't deny the proof.
- And even if you look away for one second, you could accidentally not see a car, hit it, crash, get injured, and even end up in a hospital.

"Lots can happen in the span of a minute. However whatever happens in that minute, is up to you."

#### What You Can Do!

• Companies have made phone holders so if you need to see your GPS, you can look next to the wheel instead of looking down.





# Use Your Voice, Get Involved!

### How to get involved....

Because teenagers are in most car crashes., their voice can make the biggest difference. Teens can be the best messengers to their peers, so we encourage them to speak up when they see a friend driving while distracted. They can inform in other ways too. Putting up billboards talking to family members and friends. And watching out for them, so they don't get into an accident just because they were texting and

driving.

# Want Your Child to Stay Safe?

 Parents first have to lead by example. By never driving distracted as well as having a talk with their young driver about distractions and all of the responsibilities that come with driving.
 And in other scenarios

they can tell them about not only their safety but the other drivers on the road.

This chart shows the amount of car crashes that happened from 2017 - 2020 where the driver was 16-18 and 18-24.

