



Safety Corner

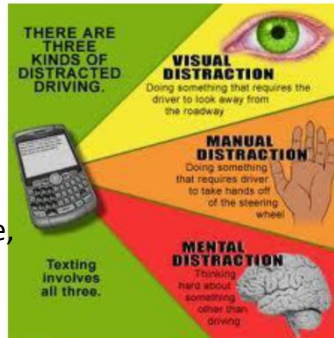
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Distracted Driving *A Growing Problem*

Talking, texting and reading email behind the wheel is a growing problem in the United States. Each day, more than nine people are killed and over 1,000 more are injured in crashes that involve a distracted driver. Distracted driving increases your chance of being in a crash. It involves doing another activity that takes your attention away from driving.

There are three main types of distractions:

- **Visual:** Taking your eyes off the road
- **Manual:** Taking your hands off the wheel
- **Cognitive:** Taking your mind off of driving



Distracted driving activities include using a cell phone, texting and eating. Using in-vehicle technologies (such as navigation systems) can also be sources of distraction. While any of these can endanger the driver and others, texting while driving is especially dangerous because it combines all three types of distractions.

TAKE STEPS TO BE SAFE

Steps for all drivers:

- Model safe behavior behind the wheel – never text and drive
- Always stay focused and alert when driving
- Take the pledge – commit to distraction-free driving
- Speak out if you witness ANY driver that is distracted
- Encourage coworkers, friends and family to designate their vehicles as “NO PHONE” zones while driving
- Spread the word – get involved in promoting safe driving in your community

BRIDGING SAFETY TO YOUR HOME

Steps for parents of teen drivers:

- Know and obey the laws of the Graduated Driver Licensing that include cell phone and texting bans for young drivers
- Discuss what it means to be a safe driver with your teen and set ground rules for when they are behind the wheel
- Make a family pledge and have other members in your family commit to distraction-free driving
- Set a positive example for your teen by putting your cell phone away every time you drive

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Vic White, EMA, Chair
- Lisa Oedewaldt, EMA Vice-Chair, training
- Brenda Rebo, Annex, Record Keeper
- Tom Magone, Maintenance,
- Leigh Riggleman, Clerk & Recorder
- Laura Schrader, Sheriff
- Craig Schultz, Libby Road #1
- Rob Jorgensen, Eureka Road #3
- Rick Ball, Library
- Dennis Day, Landfill
- Karmen McKinney, North Annex
- Dick Wornham, Ambulance
- Patti Noble, District Court

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL SAFETY MEETINGS

Please remember, monthly departmental safety meetings must be documented and attendance rosters turned into Brenda Rebo. Attendance rosters should be turned in at the conclusion of each monthly safety meeting. The county will continue to conduct quarterly dinner gift certificate drawings for employees of departments who have 100% attendance at their monthly safety meetings. Employees attending all 12 departmental safety meetings shall be eligible for a safety incentive award at the end of the year.



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