

# DISTRACTED DRIVING

**If you're distracted, who is driving?**



You are 90 percent more likely to have an accident when driving distracted (NHTSA).



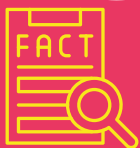
Distractions include cell phone use, eating, drinking, radio, and passengers.



## Teen Drivers Stats

According to SCDPS, a teen driver is responsible for a collision that kills or injures someone **every 1.4 hours** in SC.

NHTSA survey of teens revealed 34 percent of teens admitted to using their phones while driving and 48 percent were in the car while the driver was texting.



Teens have a **ONE in TWO** chance of being involved in a car collision before graduating high school.



< Scan to learn how to talk to your teen about Smart Driving.

## Cell Phones

Distracted driving, even for a few seconds, can have disastrous consequences. Keeping your eyes on the road can help keep everyone safe.

**DO NOT** use cell phones while driving. Cell phone use is involved in more than 60 percent of vehicle collisions. In SC, texting while driving is against the law.



## NHTSA FACTS

You will travel the length of a football field in the time it takes you to read one text when going 55 mph. In SC, almost 19,000 collisions are caused by distracted driving every year. That's two collisions every hour!

## Safe Driving Tips:

- Be sure everyone (including children in car seats) is safely buckled.
- Silence cell phones.
- Keep your hands on the steering wheel ("10 and 2" position) and your eyes on the road.
- Don't apply makeup, take selfies, or check your reflection while driving.

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