

Play It Safe!



Because It Only Takes a Second to Change a Life Forever...

Please Don't Text & Drive.

Text messaging while driving increases your risk of a car crash or near-crash by 23 times, and the five seconds it takes to send or read a text message takes your eyes off the road long enough to cover the distance of a football field when driving at 55 miles per hour.

Protect your own life and the lives of others by making a pledge to never text or talk on the phone while driving. If you are in the car with a distracted driver, let them know it bothers you and encourage them to drive phone-free.

Distracted driving results in over 3,000 deaths and 400,000 injuries annually in the United States. In Minnesota, there are more than 50 deaths each year in proven cases of distracted driving, although the actual number of deaths and injuries is likely much higher.

Distracted driving now surpasses impaired driving as the leading cause of death for young drivers. The prevalence of electronic devices, text messaging, and social media has dramatically increased distraction rates. The National Safety Council estimates that as many as 1.5 million vehicle accidents occur each year in the United States as a result of texting and other forms of distracted driving. One-quarter of teen drivers state that they respond to at least one text message every time they drive.

These community sponsors urge you to drive phone-free and responsibly:

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