

These statements cell phones are necessary distractions while driving and have been proven to significantly increase the amount of accidents both fatal and fatal.

Attention capture: It was April of my sophomore year in high school. I had been a licensed driver for a month or so. I was on my way to meet my friends at his house and as usual I was texting him. I was approaching an intersection and I had heard my phone ding. I reached over to answer it and it was my car without realizing it I was on my way. Right as I left him I was about five minutes away... (Wait) I had now realized the same moment in time of me. I had been distracted by my cell phone and I assumed the light had been green up ahead but obviously I was wrong and I had been red. The back seat came and I got out of the car to look at the damage. My MiniCooper was banged up pretty bad, grill was hanging in the middle of the road, but worse of all, the main bumper on the steering was hanging on by a thread. It was all my fault. I remember having to pay \$2000 for the car and the rest I had. I can only stand back and say that a two-minute phone call was not worth \$2000. I have had two more experiences where a moment in the moment of being distracted by a cell phone while driving and I have witnessed the subject personally, finding that they are...

Texting: One of the most dangerous distractions while driving. While a cell phone is in use, there are specifically two dangers associated with cell phone use and driving.

First main point: First, the driver must take their eyes off the road while driving. Whether through a phone call or text messaging, the driver must shift their attention to something other than the road. When the phone rings you are forced to suddenly look at your phone and not what is calling. As this causes a distraction error, your attention suddenly changes from the road to the phone or your cellular device.

Text point: A recent Harvard study that, "A healthy brain struggles when changed with multitasking and therefore slows down to achieve success."

Text point: The state of cell phone usage are projected, and are currently dependent on the roadway. A survey released in January 2007 by Automobile Mutual Insurance Company found that, "In many states, more than 10% of drivers take cell phone while driving. Cell phone use was the highest cause of accidents among young drivers," Overall in 2005, **45,000** people died and approximately **1.7 million** people were injured due to cell phone usage. A source from the Chicago Tribune states that, "Close to 4,000 accidents are caused each and every day by people who are distracted by phones." That is 20,000 fatal accidents that occur!

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Second main point: Secondly, drivers become so absorbed in their conversations that their ability to concentrate is severely impaired. That is, concentration is needed, your mind quickly shifts gears, and you are now focused on something other than the road.