

DISTRACTED DRIVING CRASHES



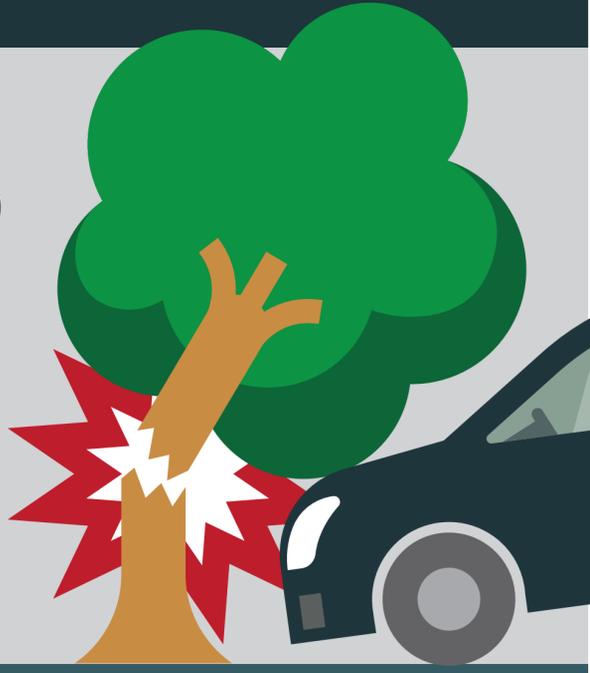
THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) DEFINES DISTRACTED DRIVING AS

“ Any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system—anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving. ”

IN KENTUCKY DURING 2014, AS A RESULT OF DISTRACTED DRIVING THERE WERE:

- 53,500 crashes
- 14,000 Injuries
- 169 fatalities

On the national level, 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near-crashes



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- In 2010, House Bill 415 banned texting for all ages while a vehicle is in motion.
- It does allow GPS use or selecting or entering a telephone number for making a call.

KENTUCKY LAW AFFECTS DIFFERENT TYPES OF DRIVERS DIFFERENTLY, ACCORDING TO KENTUCKY DMV:



Bus drivers

Bus drivers are prohibited from using hand-held and hands-free cell phones while driving. This is a primary law, which means that a police officer is allowed to pull drivers over and issue them a ticket without having to witness another traffic violation prior to that.



Novice Drivers

The state of Kentucky considers drivers younger than 18 to be novice drivers. There is a ban on all cell phone use (hand-held and hands-free) for novice drivers. This is also a primary law.



Text Messaging Ban

Since text messaging while driving is a huge source of distraction, it's banned in almost all U.S. states. In Kentucky, all drivers are banned from text messaging while driving, which is also a primary law.

THE MINIMUM FINE FOR DISTRACTED DRIVING IS \$25 PLUS SURCHARGE FEES



POTENTIAL PENALTIES

- Suspended driving privileges
- Fines
- Attorney's fees
- Court costs
- Insurance rate increases

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<https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving>

<http://transportation.ky.gov/Highway-Safety/Documents/Distracted.pdf>

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