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Driver Ed News

Distracted Driving Survey

State Farm released the results of its eighth survey exploring attitudes and behaviors regarding distracted driving. The survey follows eight years of trends in cellphone use and the emergence of smartphones with their variety of potential distractions. 1000 survey respondents were asked about the various types of smartphone activities they participate in. They were also questioned about other risky driving behaviors such as driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, racing, failing to wear a seatbelt, and driving while drowsy. The relationship was clear: the greater the number of smartphone activities drivers engaged in while behind the wheel the more likely they were to participate in other risky behaviors as well.

- The survey was conducted as part of our ongoing research into highway safety issues! [Click for full survey](#)
- 82% of drivers perceive talking on a Hand-Held phone while driving as distracting. 50% of drivers say they do it.
- State Farm explores why smartphones and driving do not go hand in hand.
- 33% of responders said they text while driving “to stay in touch with family.”

Drive Home the “Safe Talk” with Teens

Celebrate Safe, Drive Safe tips for parents and teens during prom and graduation

Parents

1. **Connect with other parents** - Speak directly with any parents supervising after-parties your teen will attend.
2. **Talk about (not) drinking/doing drugs** – According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), 74% of kids turn to their parents for guidance on drinking. Talk to your teen about dealing with peer pressure, the dangers/repercussions of underage drinking and driving, using illegal substances, and contacting you for a ride in situations involving drugs and alcohol.
3. **Offer options for rides** - If a group insists on traveling together to prom and numerous graduation parties, talk to other parents about hiring a limo. That way no one gets behind the wheel. If it’s not in the budget, offer to drive them yourself.
4. **Have the party come to you** - Plan your own, adult-supervised, drug/alcohol free after-party at your house, school or local community center.
5. **Set the example** - You can’t always be in the car, but you can keep safety top-of-mind by demonstrating and enforcing habits like wearing a seat belt, not using a cell phone while driving, following the speed limit and driving 2N2® - 2 eyes on the road, 2 hands on the wheel.

Teens

1. **Groom before you zoom** - Before it’s time to go, take one last look in the mirror and make sure you’re looking good so nothing takes your focus off the road while driving.
2. **Get your beauty rest** - Since many parties last until early morning, make sure you get plenty of sleep leading up to the big day, or ask your parents to pick you up so you and your friends don't have to drive tired. Fatal car crashes involving teens happen significantly more at night.
3. **Set limits** - Put a limit on the number of friends you ride with. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), the risk of fatal crashes increases with each passenger. And if riding with friends, remind them to put their phones away and turn the music down.
4. **Don’t Drink/Do Drugs and Drive** - Drinking before the age of 21 is illegal, and alcohol and driving should never mix no matter your age. This goes for using drugs and other illegal substances as well.
5. **Seatbelts are the perfect accessory** – A little wrinkle in your dress, tux or graduation gown is hardly worth not buckling up for. Buckling your seatbelt can save your life and keep you from getting seriously injured. Plus, it’s the law!

2017 Idaho Driver Education Instructor Conference

This is a two day conference located at The Riverside Hotel, Boise Idaho. There are two options available for participation:

Call The Riverside Hotel directly to book a room. (208) 343-1871

Session 1: May 8 - 9, 2017 (8:00 AM—5:00 PM)

Session 2: May 10 - 11, 2017 (8:00 AM—5:00 PM)

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All instructors need to bring "How to Drive" instructor binder to the conference
Also bring an example of your log sheet /grade sheet for BTW (blank and filled out)



June 20, 2005 Excitement filled the home of Lourdes Verea and Dr. Jorge Verea. Their daughter Rebeka just graduated high school, so the family celebrated with a small gathering at their New Jersey house. That evening, Rebeka and her buddy took a break from the c ... [Read more](#)



The year was 2012. John, Jodie and their three children Katie (age eight), Gavin (age five) and Olivia (age three) were in route to a local restaurant. Out of the corner of her eye, Jodie saw a brown car traveling fast. So fast, it accelerated through the westbound lanes of traffic, bypassing a l ... [Read more](#)



One parents survival guide
or getting behind the wheel," Lori explained. She reached out to a local safety coalition, Drive Smart Weld County, to get involved in their teen driver safety program. Since 2006, Lori has served as one of the program's most impactful volunteer speakers. She chose to share her ... [Read more](#)

REMINDER OF OPERATING PROCEDURES

The standards for passing public driver education and training programs shall be clearly set forth in writing to the student prior to starting the course of instruction. Students shall be assessed in the following three areas:

1. Knowledge (classroom/on-line)
2. Skills (in car training)
3. Attitude

A student who fails in any one of these three areas shall fail the entire course. Successful completion for the course is to earn a grade of 80% or higher in each of these three areas. This is not a cumulative grade. The student needs to pass each area with an 80% or higher. (If a student fails an IDLA on-line course they will fail driver education.)

A final knowledge test will be administered at the completion of the course. The final should be 20% of the students grade for the classroom. A final behind the wheel skills test will be administered that measures the essential skills required for operating a motor vehicle safely on public roadways.

***Students who fail driver education will need to purchase a new permit, a failure cancels the permit.**

[OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL](#)