

DISTRACTED DRIVING TALKING POINTS

- Distracted driving is anything that takes your hands off the wheel, your eyes off the road or your mind off driving.
- It can include texting, putting on makeup, reaching behind you to comfort a child in the back seat, eating, tuning the radio, or checking your phone's navigation system. In fact, "inattentive" was the top distraction among drivers.
- Distracted driving crashes made up more than 12 percent of all crashes in Florida in 2015.
- More than 45,000 crashes occurred by distracted drivers in Florida in 2015, resulting in more than 200 fatalities and more than 39,000 injuries.
- Drivers ages 20–24 years old made up the highest number of distracted driving crashes, followed closely by 25–29 year olds and 15–19 year olds. In fact, drivers under the age of 30 accounted for more than 12,000 crashes last year from just inattentiveness—not being focused on driving.
- Teens make up 4.5 percent of licensed drivers, yet in 2015 they were responsible for 11.7 percent of distracted driving crashes.
- Many things can create distractions while driving. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reminds drivers to ***focus on driving***.
- Parents should talk with their kids about responsible driving and always model good driving behavior.