Be SAFE

Distracted driving — It's risky business.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines distracted driving as any activity that diverts attention from driving.

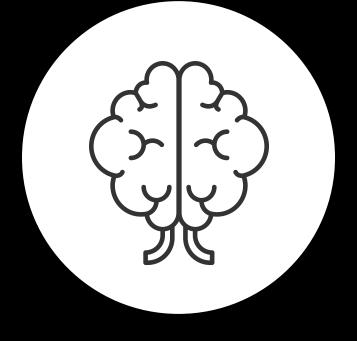
This infographic will raise your awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and educate about the level of distraction resulting from many common activities by motorists that are unsafe behind the wheel. These habits put our lives, the lives of our loved ones and the lives of other motorists in danger.

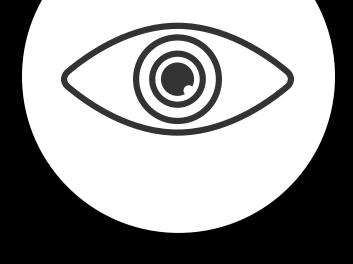
It's our responsibility to drive safely, so let's use this information to improve our focus on being an attentive driver.

The daily cost of distracted driving



Three main distractions





Visual

Taking your eyes off the road

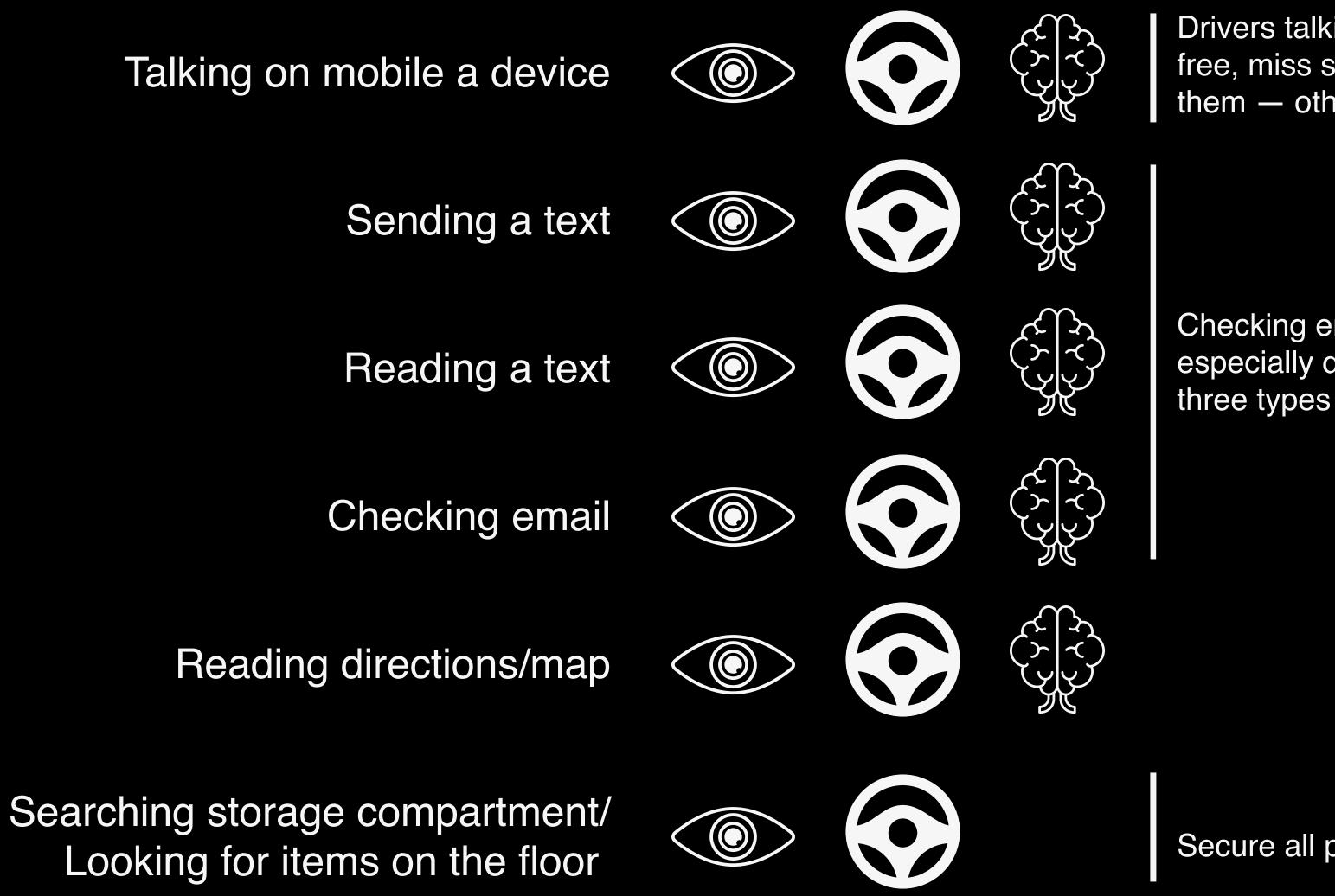


Manual

Taking your hands off the wheel Cognitive

Taking your mind off of driving

Levels of distraction



Drivers talking on phones, hand-held or handsfree, miss seeing up to 50% of what is around them — other drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists

Checking email or texting while driving is an especially dangerous habit, as it falls under all three types of distracted driving.

Secure all personal items before you drive.

Infotainment systems were designed for

Adjusting infotainment system

Turning knobs on your dash to adjust the radio/temperature controls.

Entering an address in your GPS

Adjusting child's seatbelt/car seat

Cleaning mirrors/windshield

Adjusting mirrors, seat or headrest

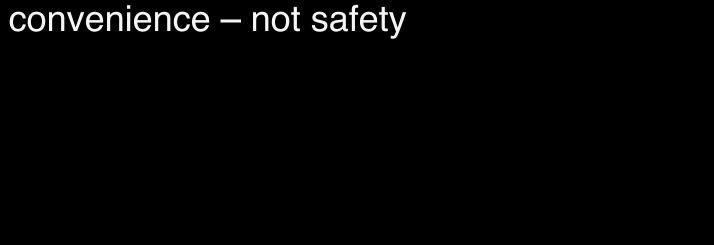
Putting on make-up/combing hair

Plugging devices into the charger

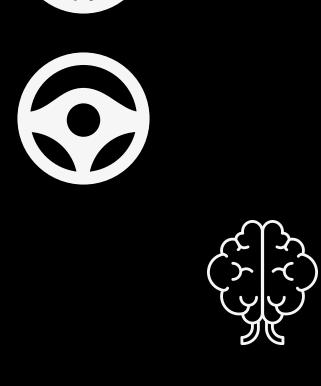
Eating food

Drinking a beverage

Talking to a passenger



These are all activities you can typically do before you begin driving to your destination.



Break bad habits



Pull over to read directions.

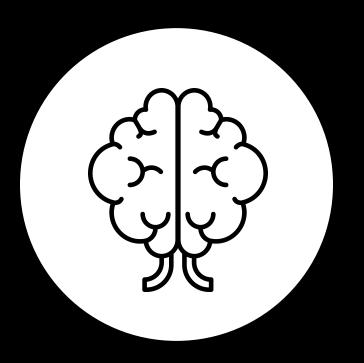
Put your phone in Do Not Disturb mode.

Manual

Keep your phone out of reach.

Make adjustments before driving.

Don't reach for items while driving.



Cognitive

Avoid phone calls, even hands-free.

Stay focused on the road.

Keep your emotions in check.

It's your choice

Deaths caused by distracted driving are preventable. When you get behind the wheel focus on being a safe driver – Just Drive.

SOURCES: National Safety Council National Highway Traffic Safety Administration End Distracted Driving DMV.org