

PAY ATTENTION OR PAY THE PRICE.

There has been a surge of distracted driving on U.S. roadways for the past decade, posing a danger both to the drivers and their passengers, as well as pedestrians and others on the road. Texting is the most alarming distraction. **Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds.** At 55 mph, that is like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

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Times more likely to become involved in a car accident while texting

3,522

People killed by distracted driving in a year

50,098

Approx. number of people who died in crashes involving distracted drivers in total



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DNT TXT N DRIVE



DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE. IT'S THE LAW.



Texting slows
brake reaction by

18%

#1 distraction by teen drivers is texting while driving 😲

Texting is **6 times** more likely to cause an accident than driving intoxicated 🚗💥



National Highway Transportation Safety Administration statistics show that **texting while driving is the equivalent of driving after four drinks.**

PENNSYLVANIA'S LAW

The law prohibits as a primary offense any driver from using an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read or write a text-based communication while his or her vehicle is in motion.

The penalty is a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees.

- Defines an IWCD as a wireless phone, personal digital assistant, smartphone, portable or mobile computer or similar devices that can

be used for texting, instant messaging, emailing or browsing the Internet.

- Defines a text-based communication as a text message, instant message, email or other written communication composed or received on an IWCD.
- Institutes a \$50 fine for convictions under this section.
- Makes clear that this law supersedes and preempts any local ordinances restricting the use of interactive wireless devices by drivers.

The violation carries no points as a penalty and will not be recorded on the driver record for non-commercial drivers. It will be recorded on commercial drivers' records as a non-sanction violation.

The texting ban does NOT include the use of a GPS device, a system or device that is physically or electronically integrated into the vehicle, or a communications device that is affixed to a mass transit vehicle, bus or school bus. The law does not authorize the seizure of an IWCD.