



PARENTS LEARN HOW DISTRACTIONS AFFECT YOUR TEEN DRIVER

Facts you should know:

Of the 17,000 drivers in Maine ages 16-17, about 3,400 will be involved in a crash this year.

82% of our nation's teens ages 16-17 have a cell phone. 34% of them admit to talking on their cell phone while driving.

40% of teens, ages 12-17, say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put themselves or others in danger.

Under Maine law, drivers under age 18 may not use a cell phone or any handheld electronic device, including iPods, while operating a motor vehicle.

DO you know your teen being distracted while driving could:

Cost your teen their driver's license?

Increase motor vehicle insurance rates?

Injure or kill a family member, best friend, a stranger, OR themselves?

Help your teen be a safe driver by:

Reviewing Maine's teen driver laws and enforce the rules; a parent/teen contract can help.

Not allowing teen passengers in the vehicle, they can be distracting.

Reminding your teen to turn their cell phone off when driving, and don't call them when you know they are driving.

Talking to your teen about the distractions that occur inside and outside the motor vehicle.

Promote Safe Teen Driving in Maine

Information provided by the Maine Teen Driver Safety Committee

To learn more about teen driver safety go to: www.themtsc.org



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