



CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

Distracted Driving Safety Key Facts & Statistics

- In 2016, a survey showed that more than 44% of Californians said that texting while driving is the most serious distraction for drivers. ([California Office of Traffic Safety](#))
- 10% of all drivers under the age of 20 who were involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. ([California Office of Traffic Safety](#))
- In 2016, nearly 40% of drivers admitted to making a mistake while talking on a cell phone. ([California Office of Traffic Safety](#))
- Nationally, 3,450 people were killed, and 481,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2016. ([National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#))
- Engaging in visual-manual subtasks, such as reaching for a phone, dialing or texting, increases the risk of getting into a crash by three times. ([California Office of Traffic Safety](#))
- In 2016, more than 54% of California drivers surveyed said they had been hit or nearly hit by a driver who was talking or texting on a cell phone. ([California Office of Traffic Safety](#))
- The average time your eyes are off the road while texting is five seconds. When traveling at 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. ([National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#))