



DISTRACTED DRIVING IN OREGON

- “Distracted Driving” is a dangerous behavior for drivers, passengers, and non-occupants alike. Distraction is a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention from the driving task to focus on some other activity instead (per NHTSA).
- From 2015-2019 There were 23,783 crashes resulting in 158 fatalities and 23,403 injuries caused by crashes involving a **distracted driver** in Oregon (**all ages**).
- 2015-2019 There were 1,920 fatal and injury crashes involving a driver (**all ages**) reported to have been **using a cell phone** at the time of the crash: 20 fatalities and 1,880 people injured.
- 2015-2019 There were 151 crashes involving a driver age **16-18** reported to have been **using a cell phone** at the time of the crash: 0 fatalities and 191 people injured.
- 2015-2019 There were 64,083 **convictions** for this offense.

Convictions for using a mobile electronic device 2015-2019

2015 - 15,264
2016 - 10,317
2017 - 8,748
2018 - 13,086
2019 - 16,668
Total – 64,083

- 2015-2019 There were 44 crashes involving, but not limited to a **Pedestrian, using a cell phone**: 4 fatalities and 40 injuries.
- 2015-2019 There were 9 crashes involving, but not limited to a **Pedal-cyclist, using a cell phone**: 0 fatalities and 9 people injured.



What is distracted driving?

Distraction occurs when a driver voluntarily diverts attention to something not related to driving that uses the driver's eyes, ears, or hands. There are four types of driver distraction:

- Visual -- looking at something other than the road
- Auditory -- hearing something not related to driving
- Manual -- manipulating something other than the wheel
- Cognitive -- thinking about something other than driving

Most distractions involve more than one of these types, with both a sensory -- eyes, ears, or touch -- and a mental component.



Additional Distracted Driving Campaign Information/Resources:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/Pages/SafeandCourteousDriving.aspx>

ODOT Oregon Distracted Driving Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6mL7JnVXhphVM3RyS1YTZa6ky4LJZs6B>

NHTSA's Distracted Driving Website:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving#nhtsa-action>

Traffic Safety Marketing / U drive. U text. U pay. Materials:

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving/u-drive-u-text-u-pay/peak-enforcement-kit>

Connect to Disconnect Information:

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/distracted-driving/u-drive-u-text-u-pay/connect-2-disconnect-c2d>