



## 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 2017-2021 there were 26,264 crashes resulting in 194 fatalities and 24,264 injuries caused by crashes involving a **distracted driver** in Oregon (all ages).
- From 2017-2021 there were 2,005 crashes, resulting in 15 fatalities and 1,775 injuries caused by drivers reported to have been using a **cell phone** at the time of the crash.
- 2017-2021 there were 125 crashes involving a driver aged **16-18** reported to have been **using a cell phone** at the time of the crash: 0 fatalities and 188 people injured.
- 2017-2021 there were 60,519 **convictions** for this offense.

### Convictions for using a mobile electronic device 2017-2021

2017 -	8,748
2018 -	13,086
2019 -	16,668
2020 -	10,255
<u>2021 -</u>	<u>11,762</u>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>60,519</b>

- 2017-2021 There were 31 crashes involving, but not limited to a **Pedestrian, using a cell phone**: 3 fatalities and 28 people injured.
- 2017-2021 There were 6 crashes involving, but not limited to a **Pedal-cyclist, using a cell phone**: 0 fatalities and 6 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>

NHTSA's Distracted Driving Website: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving>

