



## 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 2016-2020 there were 15,538 crashes resulting in 186 fatalities and 24,126 injuries caused by crashes involving a **distracted driver** in Oregon (all ages).
- From 2016-2020 there were 1,237 crashes, resulting in 24 fatalities and 1,824 injuries caused by drivers reported to have been using a **cell phone** at the time of the crash.
- 2016-2020 There were 127 crashes involving a driver age **16-18** reported to have been **using a cell phone** at the time of the crash: 0 fatalities and 179 people injured.
- 2016-2020 There were 59,074 **convictions** for this offense.

### Convictions for using a mobile electronic device 2016-2020

2016 - 10,317  
 2017 - 8,748  
 2018 - 13,086  
 2019 - 16,668  
2020 - 10,255  
 Total – 59,074

- 2016-2020 There were 43 crashes involving, but not limited to a **Pedestrian, using a cell phone**: 4 fatalities and 39 people injured.
- 2016-2020 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>