

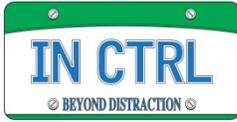


Social Media Discussions

An important component of the intervention is to have teens engage in dialogue with peers, school staff, and parents about distracted driving throughout the school year. Social media can help facilitate this. Discussions can take place on whatever media platform a school uses for teacher, student, and parent discussions about tests, quizzes, homework, etc., or a general social media site such as Facebook or Twitter. Each week (or more often, if desired) a new question can be posted and discussed online. Below are sample topics used in the pilot study for this program, but others can be developed as well. Sample questions can be altered to reflect another state or region.

Sample Topics

1. What do you think is the most common reason why people might text and drive?
2. Do you have (or use) a talk to text feature on your phone?
YES
NO
Do you think talk to text is a safer alternative to texting manually?
3. Which is the best way to avoid texting while driving? Why?
 - A. Wait to text at a stop light
 - B. Allow other passengers in the car to text and talk for you
 - C. Turning off cell phone but keeping the phone on your lap
 - D. Turn the phone off and put it out of reach
4. Do other passengers in the car affect your driving behavior? If so, does it make it better or worse?
YES
NO
5. As a passenger in a car, do you encourage safe driving behaviors (for the driver)? For example, telling driver to slow down when driving over the speed limit. If so, what are some of the things you may say or do to help the driver avoid distractions?



6. What type of electronics or electronic support do you have in your car? (Choose All That Apply)

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| * Phone Charger | * AC Adapter |
| * GPS System | * DVD Player/Television |
| * MP3/iPod Adapter | * Radio/ Satellite Radio |
| * Camera/ Monitor | * MP3/iPod |

7. TRUE OR FALSE: Distracted driving can be just as dangerous as driving under the influence or driving while fatigued.

8. TRUE OR FALSE: [Your state] has a current ban on cell phone use while driving.

9. Do you get irritated when other drivers use their cell phones while driving?

YES

NO

10. TRUE OR FALSE: [Your state] has a law allowing only hands-free cell phone use in the car.

11. TRUE OR FALSE: Texting while driving is illegal in [your state].

12. Would you be able to store your cell phone in another part of the car, such as the glove compartment?

13. TRUE OR FALSE: Is it safer to text only at a stop light as opposed to while actively driving? Why?

14. Is it safer to talk hands-free rather than hand-held? Why or why not?