

Teen Driving Facts

Motor Vehicle Crashes are the No. 1 cause of death for teens. 33% of deaths among 13 to 19-year-olds in 2010 occurred in motor vehicle crashes. In 2010, about 2,700 teens in the U.S. aged 16–19 were killed and almost 282,000 were treated and released from emergency departments for injuries suffered in motor-vehicle crashes. More than 40% of teen auto deaths occur between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The MV death rate for male drivers & passengers 16 to 19 was almost twice that of their female counterparts.

Crash risk for teens increase incrementally with each mile per hour over the speed limit.

56% of teens said they talk on the phone while driving. Talking on a cell phone can double the likelihood of an accident as well as slow a young driver's reaction time down to that of a 70-year-old.

Statistics show that 16 and 17-year-old driver death rates increase with each additional passenger.

In their first year of driving 20% of 16-year-old drivers have an accident.

56% of teenagers rely on their parents to learn how to drive.

Teen drivers with involved parents are twice as likely to wear seat belts.

What did the porcupine say to the cactus?

"Is that you mommy?"

What happens when you step on an orange?

A: You hurt its peelings

Another Reason to Focus on Safety Off the Job

Work places have become safer overtime. In fact US, workers are at a greater risk of injury or death when they are off the job. According to the National Safety Council, the largest share of off-the-job deaths – 50% occur at home. And for every work-related accidental death, there are more than 13 (13.8) workers killed off the job. Today a worker is about three times more likely to experience a medically-consulted injury off the job than on the job. What can you do to protect yourself?

-Follow sound safety practices at home at work and at play!

-Where the proper protective equipment for the task you perform!

-Use the proper tool for the task!

-Read and follow use instructions whether it is a hand tool, a chemical or a piece of equipment!

-Always use a GFCI and never cut the grounding prong off of electrical cords or tools.

When using a ladder, stay between the uprights, maintain 3-points of control, stay off the top 2 rungs of A-frame ladders and tie-off extension ladders.

International Literacy Day 2013 – Sept. 8, 2013

According to UNESCO, about 774 million adults lack the minimum literacy skills. Worldwide about one in five adults is still not literate and two-thirds of them are women. About 75 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out. However, literacy is also a cause for celebration on the day because there are nearly four billion literate people in the world.

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Percent of U.S. adults who can't read (about 1 in 7)	14 %
Number of U.S. adults who can't read	32 Million
Percent of U.S. adults who read below a 5th grade level	21 %
Percent of prison inmates who can't read (6 in 10)	63 %
Percent of high school graduates who can't read	19 %

That Text Can WAIT - Texting and Driving can Change Your Life

Chandler Gerber was one day shy of his 22nd birthday when he caused a collision that killed three people while he was sending and reading text messages on his phone: *"As I was coming to a stop. I saw a body come down from off the top of the van. And I thought, oh my gosh, what have I done? And I realized I had hit something, an Amish buggy. I looked in the ditch and saw bodies there... I had killed a 3 year old, a 5 year old and a 17 year old... I wish I could go back to that day and change it!"*

May 14, 2013 – Utah. Three girls walking home from school in Midvale were hit by a driver who was texting behind the wheel, according to Unified Police. "My heart dropped and I was just praying that she was okay, that she would pull out of it okay," said Jamie Ammons, whose niece Jennifer O'Dell was one of the victims. The 14-year-old was walking in the crosswalk Tuesday with two friends, ages 10 and 9, when officials said a 28-year-old driver slammed into them, unaware they were even there until he hit them. Lt. Justin Hoyal of Unified Police said **the man was texting while driving!**

April 11, 2013 – Colorado. Eyewitnesses said 22-year-old Alexander Heit had his head down and was in the process of sending a text when he drifted into oncoming traffic. Victim's mother: 'In a split second you could ruin your future, injure or kill others, and tear a hole in the heart of everyone who loves you.'

Sept. 12, 2012 – Utah. A 29-year-old man hit and killed a pedestrian while using his cell phone. A 15-year-old and his friend were walking along the side of the road when a pickup hit the boy. The victim was transported to PCMC and died the following day. The driver of the pickup admitted to not seeing the boy because he was distracted by his cell phone, despite the fact that the teen was wearing a neon yellow sweatshirt. In court on Monday, **the driver was sentenced to serve up to five years in prison.** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqFkRwdFZO>