

Just Drive!

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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

As the days, weeks, and months continue to tick by, we find ourselves in the month of April. April is known for rain and melting snow as well as signs of flowers, grass, and shrubbery coming to life. April is also known as *Distracted Driving Awareness Month* as designated by the National Safety Council (NSC).

Did you know that car crashes are a leading cause of death at work and distracted driving is an all too common risk, particularly for pedestrians, road workers, and first responders? Distractions can come from many sources both inside and outside of the vehicle. However, one common distraction often noted is the use of technology while driving. It is **strongly recommended** each college maintain written guidance in regard to cell phone use while driving, including prohibition of the following:

- Cell Phone Use
 - Texting (even if using voice commands)
 - Taking or making phone calls (even hands-free)
 - Recording videos
 - Using social media
 - Checking or sending emails

The National Safety Council's month-long campaign addresses distracted driving and focuses on three specific categories.

LEARN how to eliminate distractions with free NSC resources.

SHARE the message that distracted driving impacts everyone on and around the road.

PLEDGE to do your part to help everyone get home safely.

Each of these topics is supported with resources including posters and videos that are free for members to use and share.

Remember, when you are behind the wheel, your only job is to drive.

