



TERRORS OF TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

Despite the known risks, many people ignore laws designed by the state of Illinois to keep drivers from becoming statistics. Effective January 1, 2010, Illinois will be the 17th state to ban texting while driving. This law prohibits writing, sending or receiving text messages while driving. The law has been created to curb accidents linked to texting. Studies show people who text while driving have a greater risk of an accident or near accident.

The following are some frightening statistics:

- More than 60% of American teens admit to risky driving, and nearly half of those admit to texting behind the wheel.
- Almost 50% of all drivers between ages 18 and 24 text while driving.
- Motorists who use cell phones while driving are four times more likely to be involved in crashes with injuries.
- In Illinois, the penalty for texting while driving will be a moving violation that will go on motorists' driving records, as well as accompanying fines and court costs.
- The majority of Americans believe talking on the phone and texting are two of the most dangerous behaviors that occur behind the wheel. In spite of this, as many as 81% of drivers admit to making phone calls while driving.

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