

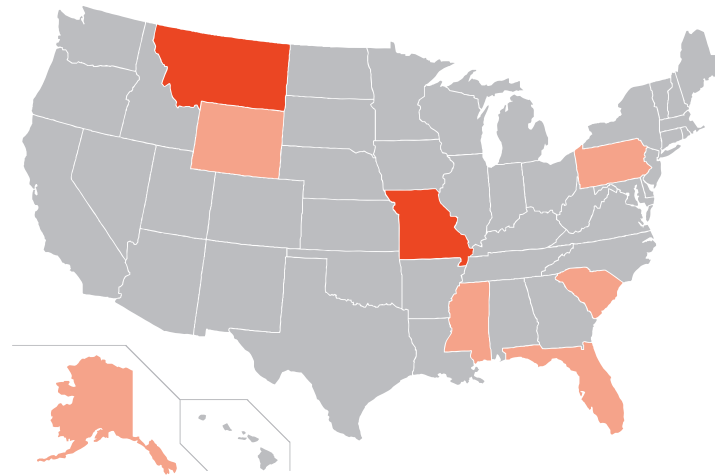
The Dangers of Using CELLPHONES While Driving

**NEARLY
9 in 10
PEOPLE
ENGAGE IN
SMARTPHONE
ACTIVITIES
WHILE DRIVING.**
(AT&T)

In 2022, more than 1,050 people lost their lives in Missouri traffic crashes, an increase of more than 4% from 2021.

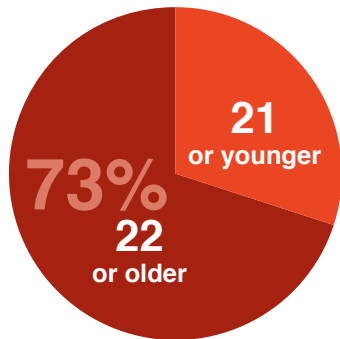


Preliminary data shows cell phone related crashes slightly decreased in 2022.



Missouri is ONE of TWO states without a no texting law for all drivers...

...and ONE of EIGHT states without a hands-free law for either all drivers or novice drivers.



Distracted driving is not just a younger driver problem. Approximately 73% of drivers using cell phones in Missouri traffic crashes were 22 years of age or older.

12 OUT OF 15 STATES

and the District of Columbia experienced a decrease in fatality rates within 2 years of passing a hands-free law.



These 15 states experienced an average decrease in the fatality rate of 15.3%.



Six states and the District of Columbia experienced a decrease of more than 20%.



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Sources: Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Department of Transportation, AT&T, Governor's Highway Safety Association, and CTIA