

# The Dangers of Using CELLPHONES While Driving

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

DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A LEADING CAUSE OF CRASHES IN MISSOURI.



From 2013-2022, there were nearly 200,000 distracted driving-related crashes in Missouri, resulting in at least 800 fatalities.

## DISTRACTED DRIVING FATALITIES



From 2020-2022, 54% of the people killed in distracted driving crashes were someone other than the distracted driver.

Driving while using a handheld electronic communication device is now against the law for all drivers.

UNDER THE NEW LAW, DRIVERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM:



**PHYSICALLY HOLDING A CELLPHONE WITH ANY PART OF THE BODY**



**MANUALLY SENDING OR READING TEXT-BASED MESSAGES**



**RECORDING OR SENDING VIDEO, VIDEO CALLS OR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS**



**WATCHING A VIDEO OR MOVIE**

**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%.



Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety



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