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April is National Distracted Driving Month. According to the American Automobile Association (“AAA”), distracted driving kills more than nine people every day in the U.S., and causes injuries to more than 1,000 others. In order to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving, AAA has launched a new campaign called "Don't Drive Intoxicated."



Studies conducted by AAA have revealed that as many as 45 percent of drivers admitted to reading a text or email while operating a motor vehicle in the past 30 days. Worse yet, 35 percent of operators admitted to typing a text or email while behind the wheel. AAA is hoping to raise awareness and to help drivers understand the dangers of texting and driving, and that the consequences are just as severe as drunk driving.

Most people don't realize that at only 55 mph, a car can travel the length of two basketball courts in under two seconds... the average time it takes to read a text. That's a significant distance to drive distracted. Studies show that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds increases the chances of having an accident by 20 times.



AAA is urging people to:

- Put the phone away to prevent temptation;
- Plug destinations into a navigation system before heading out onto the road;
- Pull over when calling or texting; and,
- Ask passengers for help if you need to send or respond to a text.

Many police departments are out in full force looking for distracted drivers. While the penalties for distracted driving can be severe, the consequences can be **DEADLY**.

Attorney Matthew E. Willis is a partner practicing in the areas of personal injury and criminal defense. He assists clients injured in all types of accidents and also represents clients charged with all types of motor vehicle offenses, including distracted driving, throughout the State of Connecticut. If you have been injured by a distracted driver or charged with a distracted driving crime, call Attorney Willis today at (860) 812-1743 or email him at mwillis@kkc-law.com.