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Welcome to the October 2020 Edition of "On the Move"

Could the Driver Next to You Be Distracted?

According to the National Safety Council, over 1 million automobile crashes per year can be attributed to cell phone use while driving. While this number is unsettling, cell phone use is not the only distracted driving behavior that can cause problems. As a responsible driver it is important to be aware of the potential dangers of distracted drivers around you. Here are a couple of behaviors to look out for.



Source: Wikimedia Commons

- **Cell Phone Use** – Have you ever witnessed someone constantly looking in their lap while driving or at a traffic light? Perhaps you have seen that all familiar glow in the car next to you while driving at night. While illuminated dashboards and gadgets are common in vehicles, witnessing illumination tied with someone constantly looking down can clue you in that this is a distracted driver.

- **Eating While Driving** – While there is no law against eating while driving, this can still be considered a distracted driving behavior. The simple act of not having both hands available while driving can make a difference when a split-second action is needed to avoid a crash. Also, looking away from the road, even for a second, to grab a drink or pick up food, can make a difference when a child runs after a ball in the street or someone cuts you off unexpectedly.
- **Interacting With Others in a Vehicle** – If you see a driver who is clearly in an argument with another passenger, correcting or trying to assist a child, or even dancing to music with other passengers in the car, that person is clearly distracted. Distracted driving is not solely confined to cell phone use, it can be anything that causes a driver to take their eyes off the road. If you see someone engaging in these behaviors it is best to stay clear of them.
- **Bent Over Posture** – There are a number of things that can cause someone to not have a safe driving posture. Often drivers drop something on the ground such as their cell phone. Also, someone might be adjusting the controls on their dashboard, searching for an item in their center console, or even adjusting their chair. If you notice someone's posture is a little off that is a sure sign that they are distracted.

Although cell phone use is a major cause of distracted driving as we have seen it is only one of many behaviors you need to look out for while you are on the road. Taking a defensive stance against these drivers can literally make the difference in being involved in an automobile accident. Responsible drivers not only do not participate in these behaviors but look out for others who are doing them.

Source: <https://www.topdriver.com/education-blog/4-signs-distracted-driver/>



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Is Teleworking All Good?

Many companies have moved to teleworking indefinitely and there has been a lot of information about the benefits of productivity and savings to corporations whose employees telework. While there are undoubtedly many benefits not only for companies but also for individuals, we are seeing more and more of the negative effects of teleworking starting to emerge. Here are just a couple of ways that teleworking may be impacting individuals.



Source: <https://pixabay.com/photos/telework-office-entrepreneurs-5046230/>

Communication Concerns – Those who telework heavily rely on electronic communications such as email, Zoom calls, and telephone calls. While these forms of communication are very convenient, there is a decline in information richness and the benefits of social presence of communication.

Information richness refers to the ability of communication to contain certain cues, minimize ambiguity, and deliver complete information. Electronic communication is less rich than face to face communication because it makes it difficult for people to capture complete information especially with words that can have multiple meanings that can lead to misunderstandings.

Social Concerns – Work can be a place where people foster meaningful relationships outside of their family. A negative outcome of increased teleworking can be an increased feeling of isolation. Isolation can make employees feel like they are not a part of the group, lacking the support they need from coworkers and the recognition they deserve from management. Feelings of membership in a group is a key factor to the success of fitting into an organization. Finally, people can miss the “on the job” training that often occurs naturally through social interactions in the workplace. The lack of transfer of information from these social interactions can actually hinder a person’s progress in a company.

Source:
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/291956314_The_Dark_Side_of_Virtual_Office_and_Job_Satisfaction

K&K Connection October Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone born in October a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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 Jill Giggelman
 Kimberly Fritz
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 Michael Juhasz
 Stephen Knutson
 Mouldeo Mahato
 Solana Williams
 Deborah Nelson
 Shavon Moore
 Timothy Parades
 Andre Reynolds
 Serafin, Jeremy
 Christopher Stevens
 Annette Stokes

Angela Curtis
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