

# be the focused driver



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## **DISTRACTED DRIVERS ARE INVOLVED IN ONE THIRD OF ALL FATAL CRASHES IN MARYLAND.**

### **Educational Tips for Distracted Driving**

- **There are four types of distractions while driving:**
  - **VISUAL** — Looking at something other than the road.
  - **AUDITORY** — Hearing or listening to something not related to driving.
  - **MANUAL** — Manipulating something other than the steering wheel.
  - **COGNITIVE** — Thinking about something other than driving.
- **Park the phone before you drive; anything that takes your attention from driving puts you and everyone on the road in danger.**
- **If you're driving and need to respond to a phone call, text, or email, pull over in a safe area.**
- **If you have a passenger, ask them to be a designated texter.**

### **Maryland's Distracted Driving Laws**

- **(TR 21-1124) Maryland law prohibits the use of a handheld cell phone or texting while driving.**
  - **The fine is \$83 for the first offense, escalates to \$140 for a second offense, and is \$160 for a third offense.**
  - **Drivers also can be ticketed \$70 and 1 point for writing, sending, or reading a text message while driving. If the use of the device contributes to a crash, the fine may increase to \$110 and 3 points.**
- **Jake's Law** — **A driver who causes serious injury or death while talking on a handheld cell phone or texting may receive a prison sentence of up to three years and a fine of up to \$5,000.**