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Distracted Driving

Destructive driving is any time you take your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off your primary task: driving safely” source #4 distraction.gov. People dont see its dangerous driving with a cell phone, or why it is, Most citizen dont belive hands-free devices do not count as a destraction. but they do and although they are legel in Oregon they should be outlawed too. The cell phone is a real dangerous idea when you drive. We drive and use a cell phone and yet sometimes people accidentally trip and fall or run into someone when they walk and staring at their phones.

Recent research show that the human brain cannot do multitasking, instead it switches back and forth between the different tasks at hand. So when driving and talking or texting on the phone the brain is focused on one or the other, not both of them. Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amout of brain activities asociated with driving by 37% says Adam Just. Driving and talking on the phone is bad texting is even worse. While talking on the phone and driving requires two of the three types of distractions but cognitive and manual texting uses up all three of them, cognitive, manual and visual. “Sending or receiving a text takes a driver’s eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent of 55 mph – or driving the length of an entire football field, blind” says the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Drivers who use hand-held devices are 4 times more likely to get into crushes serius enuf to injury themselves says Hosking, Young & Michael.

Many people wondering why if talking with a passenger isnt so bad so why hands-free devices are dangerous as hand-held ones. When talking to a passenger the only distraction is cognitive, and also the body can read body language sent out from that person. This makes it easier for the brain than to talk on a cell phone says the video conversations with passengers by the National Safety Council. It also is better because

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the passenger is in the same situation as you are so they can together stop the conversation in a dangerous situation or even help to make a decision for example whether or not you stop at a yellow light. Although hands-free devices use only cognitive distractions but they still take extra effort like a cell phone conversation because you cannot see the body language of the other person. Studies also show the cognitive distraction having a hands free phone causes drivers to miss the important visual and audio cues that would ordinarily help you avoid a crash (distraction.gov). Talking with a hands-free device is still considered multi-tasking so the body is really focused on one thing or the other. Many states have made their own laws prohibiting driving with a cell phone, but the government needs to make a law that makes it illegal to drive with a cell phone of any kind even a hands-free one. That will make everything better for everybody all the time. Thank you for reading my paper.