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Text Messaging
and Your Family

Texting While Driving

Texting is one of the most popular ways teens communicate. In fact, from January 2010 to December 2010, more than 2 **trillion** text messages were sent and received – that’s 6 billion per day – according to CTIA – The Wireless Association.

Unfortunately, some teens are texting from behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. To curb the urge to text while driving, follow these tips:

- ▶ Never text and drive. No text message is worth being distracted while you’re on the road.
- ▶ Take control. It’s your phone, so you decide if and when to send and read texts.
- ▶ Consider turning your phone off, setting it to silent or even storing it in the glove box before hitting the road.
- ▶ Be caring. Never send a text message to a friend who is driving to meet you, or to anyone you know is likely behind the wheel. Friends don’t let friends text and drive.

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