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Distracted driving can be very dangerous. I have been in and witnessed multiple accidents because of distracted drivers. When a driver is distracted driving, they're not paying attention as much as they would be if they weren't texting, speeding, or blasting music. They have slower reactions to sudden changes in traffic and wouldn't be able to stop if someone or something were to jump out in front of the vehicle.

Earlier this year, I let my friend drive my car. We were in the car blasting music and he was speeding. We came around a corner going faster than we should have been, and my friend skidded into the back of a pickup truck sitting in traffic. Thankfully no one was injured but my car was smushed up to the windshield and surprisingly the truck didn't even have a scratch. Since my friend was speeding, he didn't have the reaction time he would have had if he wasn't speeding. The music is also a distraction because it keeps the driver's attention more on the music and less on the road.

Another time I was in an accident, my mom was driving. We were stopped at a red light and all of a sudden the truck behind us slammed into the back of our car. He hit us so hard, that we hit the car in front of us too while we were stopped in traffic. The truck driver said he was looking at his phone, and out of the corner of his eye he thought the light turned green so he accelerated into us. If the driver had been focused on the road and not his phone, there would have been no accident. Again, no one was injured but he could have seriously injured himself or another driver just because he had to check his phone.

This last accident I wasn't in, but I watched it happen right in front of me. I was at an intersection sitting at a red light watching the cars go by in front of me. Then I see a car making a left on an unprotected green with a car coming from the other way straight at it. The car tried to stop but it slammed into the side of the car making a left turn with a loud cracking sound. Both cars looked destroyed but the drivers seemed to be unharmed. I don't know exactly what the driver making a left hand turn was doing but I'm sure they were distracted with something. If they weren't distracted they would've seen the car coming and waited to make the turn. Another accident I witnessed was in a snow storm. I was driving on the turnpike in the middle lane going below the speed limit because of the weather. I see a car coming up behind me on the right going faster than it should have been in those weather conditions. Right when they were about to pass me on the right hand side, the driver lost control and swerved in front of me and then swerved right into the concrete barrier. If they hadn't been speeding in poor weather conditions, then they would have never crashed.

Overall, distracted driving can be very dangerous. I've witnessed and been in enough accidents to make me realize how dangerous driving can be. I would never want to hurt myself or someone else because of a poor decision I made while driving. As long as I keep my attention on the road and drivers around me, I'm positive I can accomplish that.