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As we all know there have been an incredible amount of accidents and rates going up do to neglectful drivers texting,or drinking,or talking on the phone.

Eight young people a day die in alcohol-related crashes. This goes to show that we NEED to put a stop to drinking and driving,

To get back to the texting and driving, An young Sixteen-year-old Kayla Preuss died of head injuries when she lost control of her car and slammed into the center median. Phone records show Preuss was texting just before the accident.

According to a recent survey, 46% of 16- and 17-year-olds admit to text messaging while driving. That's a frightening statistic, considering AAA found that the risk for a car accident increases by 50% for those who text while driving. Currently, six states have jurisdiction-wide bans on driving while talking on a handheld cell phone, which includes text messaging, according to the Insurance Institute For Highway Safety. Overall, 18 other states have a texting ban and many other states have introduced legislation to ban this dangerous practice. In fact, a recent survey found 89% of Americans want texting while driving outlawed. Here are just a few others who've died as a result of texting and driving,

Bailey Goodman, 17, was killed along with four of her fellow cheerleaders when she swerved into oncoming traffic, hit a tractor-trailer and her SUV burst into flames. Five days earlier, the five teenagers had graduated from high school. Two minutes before the crash was reported, her phone was used to send a text greeting to a friend.

Ashley D. Miller, 18, veered into oncoming traffic and hit another car headon while she was texting. She and the other driver, a 40-year-old mother of 1, were killed instantly.

We NEED to put a stop to teens that drive with there cellphones on. rates and statistics go up by the miniute because of texting and driving, now i have you have enjoyed this essay and i hope to win.

Thank you for your time.