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The Importance of Being Safe While Driving

The opportunity to be able to drive is a privilege. The moment someone earns their license they have the freedom to go wherever they please. For most, getting a license is an important milestone. While everyone is excited to have this newfound freedom they sometimes forget the importance of safety; they forget that they now have a responsibility to keep themselves and others safe while on the road. A car can become dangerous in certain scenarios due to the driver behind the wheel. Those who lack judgement tend to make mistakes, mistakes while driving however, can lead to devastating outcomes. We've all heard the stories of drivers being distracted while texting and even being under the influence behind the wheel. These stories are abundant and are unsettling when thought about. An important idea to recognize while out on the road would be that you could potentially threaten your own life and the life of another.

Being distracted behind the wheel of a vehicle is extremely dangerous for you and for others. One of the most common distractions can be your phone. Drivers can fall victim to their phone everyday without realizing the cost. The moment you pick up your phone while driving you are instantaneously putting yourself in danger and becoming a hazard. While looking at your phone, your attention is focused on that screen, not the road. Some may not realize that as you look down at your screen for as little as two seconds, your car has advanced significantly further. That means anything can happen from the moment you first look at your screen to the moment you look up again. A person or an animal could run out in front of the car, you could go off of

the road, or you could collide with another vehicle. The possibilities are endless. Looking at your phone to some may not seem like an immediate threat, but you can be assured that it is.

Another threat to a driver that could be potentially worse than being distracted by a phone, are drivers under the influence of alcohol. Drinking and driving is the ultimate distraction to a driver. Those who drink and drive will lack total judgment while driving. The driver's mind is influenced completely by the alcohol, making them an extreme hazard to themselves and other drivers. They are no longer suitable to drive and shouldn't be operating a vehicle. No matter the situation you are faced with you should never drink and drive. It does not matter what others do around you, it's up to yourself to determine what's right and what's wrong. Drunk driving like using your phone, can lead to many dangerous outcomes, even death. The lives of other drivers are in your hands when you are driving, It's important to keep that idea in mind.

Keeping these distractions in mind, everyone needs to take into consideration what is right and what is wrong when driving. A bad decision can and will cost those who decide to take the wrong path. Depending on a situation you could be faced with a life or death scenario. Making a bad choice could potentially lead to others having to suffer due to your actions. It's important to realize that you have families and people that care about you. Those who care about you wouldn't want you to make the wrong choice for yourself or for others. A lot weighs on a choice, make sure you choose the right one.