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Joe Bornstein: Arrive Alive!

To preface this story, this did not happen to me, it happened to my brother, and my mother. One hot summer day back in the year of 2014, or 2015, my brother was driving my mother around to get her some snacks and to get her some fresh air. You see, my mom is physically disabled, she can still walk, but not as well as any other person. On their way back home from the store, they reached a four-way intersection. My brother did the usual look both ways before accelerating, coming down one way was another car. It was far enough away that my brother could mosey on by without incident. His judgement was wrong. As he was moving forward, he caught sight of the car moving faster and faster in his peripheral vision. He swerved to try to avoid the oncoming silver car, but the two vehicles collided on the pavement. Luckily, he swerved so that the other driver only hit the driver's side door, but the damage was too severe. His truck was busted. The frame was bent in a very bad way. The other car was also damaged pretty bad of the frame was bent on my brother's truck. The driver of the other car stepped out and so did my brother. He had gotten the angriest my mother ever saw him, shouting obscenities and telling the other driver off. By the time people arrived the other driver was in tears.

This other driver was texting while driving, she was distracted. This very real story about my brother and mother shows the dangers of distracted driving. Had the other driver gone a little

faster, and my brother and mother might not be alive today. Driving while distracted, or under the influence is a very dangerous gamble. By gamble, It's rigged in the houses favor against you. There is the abysmally small chance one survives an instance like the one in the story, but one would have to be extremely lucky and have exceptional skills behind the wheel. This story amongst others are a great indicator that you should put down the phone, or bottle if you want to arrive to your destination alive.