

I'm going to be late to the first day of college! That's what I said as I hurried down the stairs from my room and into the kitchen, I grab my cup of coffee and I hurry out the door with my coffee in one hand and my keys in another. I get in the car and instantly start it up, as my car comes alive. I immediately turned on the radio, recently I've been hearing a lot about teenagers and car accidents. How most of them were drinking or texting while driving. Although I do tend to look at my phone a lot, I was confident in my driving and multitasking skills so I had nothing to worry about. So I start driving but since I'm running late I'm going a little faster than usual, can't be late on my first day of college. My phone beeps. I eagerly check to see if it's my new girlfriend. We haven't been dating very long and she's my first one, so I'm always checking my phone to see if she is texting me. She asked me where I am and I had forgotten that we were supposed to get coffee before class. I push harder down on the pedal without looking up at the road. I tell her I'm 5 minutes away. So excited to see her again I look back with a big grin on my face but it's too late. I saw a kid on the road. I was so distracted I didn't realise how fast I was going. I swerved the car barely missing the child and slammed head on into an electric pole then everything went black. A few seconds later I wake up to seeing flashing lights, my head hurts and I can't move my legs. Everything was a blur and it was hard to breath. All I could see was people surrounding me and a mask was put on my face and I'm put on a stretcher. I keep thinking about my family and if I'll make it through this. Why me? that is the question playing over and over again in my head. Why me? I thought it would never happen to me. I was smart and I knew what I was doing. Everything happened so fast and I didnt know what happened until it was too late. I was in the hospital for a few weeks. I had to do physical therapy since my legs were partially crushed. I might not be able to walk properly ever again, all this because I had to

check my phone. I thought I was careful but I made one mistake. I had taken my eyes off the road for too long and paid the price for it.