

One Second

I knew I shouldn't have listened to my friend. All it took was one second and my life had changed forever. Why did I think it was a good idea? What would my mom think?

It was 11:00 p.m on a dark night and I rested in my room bored out of my mind. After waiting hours for someone to call me, my friend answered my prayers. He said, "Hey, do you want to go out driving right now? I'm really bored right now." I responded with, "I'd been thinking the exact same thing, I'll go pick you up." My mom already went to sleep, so sneaking out of the house happened to be easy enough. The task I had to complete came up. The keys were sitting there, waiting to be picked up. I could pick them up and walk out the door with no problem. I got in my car and drove over to my friend's house. I saw him waiting outside for me to pull up next to him like I turned out to be his taxi driver. "Took you long enough" he said as he got into the passenger seat of my car. We decided to cruise around the city to see if anyone happened to still be awake on this school night. My friend decided it would be better if he turned on the radio. We were blasting music through the speakers at the highest volume while our windows were down. It shaped up to be a good time when I noticed my friend on his phone. "What are you looking at?" I asked. He said, "Oh you'd think this is funny I sent it to you, check your phone." Thoughts rushed through my head about how much my mom told me not to look at my phone while I would be driving. I ignored it because I thought, what could be the harm in looking at my phone for one second? I took my phone out of my pocket and checked what my friend had sent me. The second I looked back up after looking at my phone, a car straight in front of us stopped and we were barreling toward them at full speed. My friend hadn't warned me because he had his phone out. I slammed on the brakes as hard as I could and realized that I

didn't have enough time. My car collided with their car at full speed. After the crash I could feel broken bones, and blood trickling from different areas of my body. I called out my friend's name to no avail. I looked up through my upside down car's windshield and saw my friend's body that had flown out of the window. I kept on calling his name with tears in my eyes.

All it took was one second of looking at a phone screen to cause a car accident that changed a lot of lives. You are endangering other innocent people on the road by being on your phone. Drive safe, arrive alive.