

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DISTRACTED DRIVING



With the warmer weather fast approaching and summer nearly here, many people will begin traveling on our Texas roads and highways. The Harlingen Police Department would like to remind drivers of the dangers of texting while driving and other driving distractions. According to TxDOT, nearly one in five crashes involves driver distraction. Hundreds of people each year are killed in distracted-driver related crashes. While the use of a cell phone or other electronic device is the most recognizable driving distraction, any type of behavior that draws a motorist's attention away from driving is dangerous and could even be fatal. The following is just a few things that drivers should refrain from:

- Texting
- Checking e-mails
- Eating & drinking
- Grooming
- Reading
- Programming a navigation system
- Adjusting music or other audio device

As a friendly reminder, the City of Harlingen has an Ordinance (11-51) prohibiting the use of a hand-held wireless device to view, read, write or send a text-based communication.



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