



**Occupational Safety
and Health Administration**

WORKER SAFETY IS YOUR BUSINESS KEEP DRIVERS SAFE



Texting while driving dramatically increases the risk of a motor vehicle injury or fatality. Employers need to make it clear to all workers that their company doesn't require or condone texting while driving. It's literally a matter of life and death.

How businesses can get started:

Strong policies

- Have a strong policy that prohibits the use of portable electronic devices while driving.
- Establish work procedures and rules that do not make it necessary to text while driving.
- Make safe driving an integral part of your business culture.

Training

- Provide continuous driver safety training and communication.
- Train workers on driving distractions and to not solely rely on navigation and other advanced technology systems.

- Instruct drivers to take extra precautions during inclement weather.
- Ensure drivers know procedures, times and places for drivers to use phones and other technologies for communicating with managers, customers and others.

Vehicle and driver safety

- Review and consider the safety features of all vehicles used, including late model vehicle safety systems (e.g., collision warning, driving control assistance).
- Check the driving records of all employees who drive for work purposes.
- Ensure vehicles are safe and properly maintained.
- Encourage workers to focus on the road, avoid electronic distractions, slow down in work zones and not drive if fatigued.

Safety at work is no accident

- Build a workplace culture of safety through explicit policies and sound practices.
- Incorporate safe communications practices into work orientation and training.

Benefits to your business

- Keep your employees safe
- Reduce the costs of crashes and incidents
- Reduce stress and improve employee morale
- Minimal business interruptions

How OSHA can help

OSHA's On-Site consultation program can help small- and medium-size businesses keep workers safe by providing:

- No-cost and confidential occupational safety and health services
- Assistance with identifying workplace hazards
- Advice on compliance with OSHA standards
- Assistance with safety and health programs

To learn more, visit www.osha.gov or call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742), TTY 1-877-889-5627.

When you commit to keeping your employees safe behind the wheel, you are also ensuring the safety of coworkers, pedestrians and other road users.

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