

October 05, 2013 /**24-7PressRelease**/ -- Most of us have seen other drivers who have been texting or using a cellphone while they are driving. We might try to quickly get away from these motorists, as their lack of complete attention on the roadway may potentially place us at risk of a crash. Even the most experienced drivers can have problems when they take their eyes off of the road for a moment.

In Connecticut, a new program has been implemented by officials across the state aimed to decrease the number of [car accidents](#) caused by teen distracted drivers. Younger drivers have less experience behind-the-wheel, and this often leads to very serious accidents when they become distracted in some manner.

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) reports that over 3,000 deaths were caused by distracted drivers in 2011 car accidents. For teen drivers, over 10 percent of all deaths were caused because the driver was distracted. The DOT states that nearly 70 percent of drivers aged 16-18 believe that they can safely send or read a text message while driving.

Connecticut has recently strengthened its texting while driving laws, which now prohibit drivers from reading or sending texts at red lights or while waiting in traffic. The fines have also been increased, and the offense will now be included on an individual's driving record. Drivers under the age of 18 are not allowed to use handheld devices while they are driving.

The program is connected to national efforts that are already underway. The DOT, cellphone providers as well as other officials and industry groups have aimed advertisements at teen drivers, and have encouraged teens to take an active role in stopping friends who might text while driving.

If you have been injured in a motor vehicle accident caused by a distracted driver, you should discuss your potential claims with an experienced personal injury attorney. An attorney can analyze your case to determine if you will be able to recover compensation for the injuries and damages connected with your accident.

You may be uncertain about the offers that you are receiving from the other driver's insurance companies. In many cases, these offers will not cover all of the expenses that you will have due to the medical treatment that you received. Additionally, you may also be missing time from work as you recover, and any settlements that you agree to should include these missing wages as well.

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It is important that you know and understand all of the terms of any offer you receive. Do not settle your claims until you know exactly what sort of expenses and losses you have incurred. You need to protect yourself and your interests at this very challenging time.

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