



April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month



April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Distracted driving is now an epidemic of major proportions. It is well known that texting while driving is the main distraction behind the wheel, but there are other high risk distractive behaviors such as talking on the phone or with passengers, listening to music, drinking coffee, and applying makeup, among others. Distracted driving means

robbing oneself of precious seconds needed to avoid a crash, which could be fatal.

In April, we take the time to reflect and take responsibility for the decisions we make when we drive to have a safe trip for ourselves and others on the road. The following tips will help you drive responsibly:

- If you need to send a text, pull over and park in a safe location to do it.
- Assign a passenger as your “designated texter” to answer calls and texts.
- Do not scroll through apps, including social media, while driving. If you find this difficult, put your cell phone on the back seat, trunk, or glove compartment.

One of the components of the Distracted Driving Awareness Month is the National Campaign [You Drive. You Text. You Pay.](#) This campaign reminds drivers of the dangers and consequences of texting and driving. Also, from April 4 to April 11, you may see increased law enforcement. The goals of this campaign is to demonstrate a nationwide commitment to the reinforcing of texting laws, and reduce injuries and deaths caused by distracted driving, namely texting and driving.

**IN KANSAS
1 OUT OF 5
CRASHES**

**Are Caused By
Distractions**

**DRIVE TO ZERO
KANSAS TRAFFIC DEATHS**

Did you know you can set your phone to automatically silence notifications while you drive? Here are the steps for different types of cell phones:



Use the Driving Focus on your iPhone to concentrate on the road

When you have the Driving Focus set up, you can ask Siri to read replies to you, so you don't have to look at your iPhone. Incoming calls are allowed only when iPhone is connected to CarPlay, a car Bluetooth system, or a hands-free accessory. Go to Settings > Focus, then tap Driving.

[Read More](#)

SAMSUNG

How to use the Do not disturb mode on your Galaxy phone

Before you try the recommendations below, be sure to check if your device's software and related apps are updated to the latest version. To update your mobile device's software, follow these steps: Step 1. Go to Settings > Software update. Step 2. Tap on Download and install. Step 3.

[Read More](#)

Have driving mode turn on automatically on your Pixel phone

On Pixel 3 and later, you can set Do Not Disturb or Android Auto to turn on when you're driving. On your Pixel 2, you can set Do Not Disturb to turn on when you're driving. For the best phone exper

[Read More](#)

[Click Here To Learn More](#)

Drive Safely in Work Zones

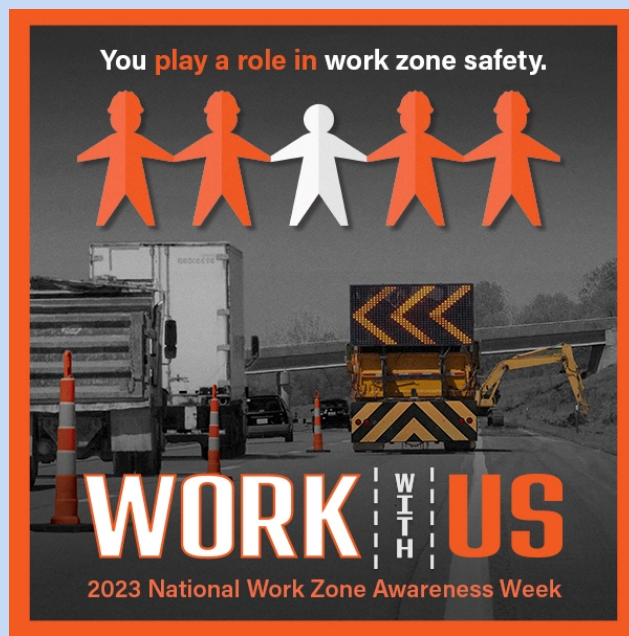


Kansas Department of Transportation construction and maintenance workers face danger on a daily basis in their jobs.

National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 17-21) highlights the importance of slowing down while in work zones and reminds the public that they need to be aware in work zones.

Go Orange during the week of April 17-21

Everyone is encouraged to wear orange to show support for Kansas highway workers, especially April 19, the official Go Orange Day in Kansas.



Order FREE Posters - Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse

Click the "Read More" link to view and order free work zone safety posters.

[Read More](#)

[Click Here To Learn More](#)

Traffic Safety Minute Resources for Staff Meetings



Let's focus on staying focused and safe as we drive through work zones this spring!

[View the Go Orange for Work Zone Safety Fact Sheet](#)

Your Life is at Risk

Did you know that 85% of the people who are killed in work zones crashes are the drivers traveling through them?

Drivers may think they don't need to slow down if they don't see workers present or may try to beat another driver to be first before a lane is closed in a work zone.

Loose gravel, narrowed lanes, and uneven pavement can make driving through a work zone dangerous for drivers who are not patient and considerate of being safe.

Work Zone Safety Tips:

- Follow traffic control
 - Stay alert
 - Watch for workers
 - Expect delays
 - Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you
 - Change lanes when directed to do so
-

Stay Alert in Work Zones

Avoid distracted driving behaviors like:

- Texting, taking pictures, streaming, or using social media
 - Talking to passengers
 - Using GPS
 - Using a cell phone
 - Combing your hair or looking at yourself in the mirror
 - Eating, drinking, or smoking
 - Reading, including maps
 - Adjusting your radio or music
-
-

Hosting a Health and Safety Fair? We'd love to be involved!

The Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office offers you FREE traffic safety brochures, posters, flyers, and giveaway items.

PLUS, our website gives you information on traffic safety topics like teen drivers, distracted driving, drunk driving, motorcycle safety, and more!



We can bring FREE safe driving programs directly to your community organization or workplace.

From car seats to how getting older affects your driving, we provide help and advice for on how to stay safe on the roads.

[Visit Our Website - ktsro.org](https://www.ktsro.org)



Transportation Safety Conference

This conference provides valuable information for law enforcement personnel, court professionals, state and local government officials, engineers, safety advocates, EMT and EMS workers, educators and counselors, special interest group representatives and more. Keynote and breakout sessions cover injury control, law enforcement, youth issues*, roadway safety, medical marijuana and public safety, older driver issues, children in vehicles, and more.

[Read More](#)

CLICK HERE To Download Drive Better ICT Materials

CLICK HERE To Download Drive Better KC Materials

Traffic Safety On The Job

Reporters Rocking Seat Belts

Mother and Daughter Buckled Up

To be featured in our newsletter, send your pictures to pmiddleton@dccca.org or tag [@DriveSafeKansas](https://www.instagram.com/DriveSafeKansas) when posting it on social media.

Driver Safety Programs

[Drivers Education Schools in Kansas](#)

Employer-Based Driver Safety Programs

The TRB Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program's BTSCRIP WebResource 1: Employer-Based Driver Safety Programs is based on an assessment of what elements in employer-based traffic safety programs and other behavior change programs are likely to change driver behavior and workplace safety culture.

[Read More](#)

Online Defensive Driving Courses - National Safety Council

NSC Defensive Driving Online Courses deliver the most relevant, leading-edge content to motivate and educate employees to be safe, responsible drivers. You can trust NSC to best train drivers to avoid collisions, crashes, injuries or worse.

[Read More](#)

KANSAS Traffic Safety
Resource OFFICE



Follow Drive Safe Kansas on social media!



Click Here to Subscribe to Our Newsletters

Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office
ktsro.org | 800-416-2522 | ktsro@dcca.org

Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office | 2930 SW Wanamaker Dr. Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66614

Unsubscribe_pmiddleton@dcca.org

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by ktsro@dcca.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!