



April is National Distracted Driving Month... Please, please reconsider texting while driving – please!!

On a personal note, there isn't a day that goes by that I don't see multiple people on the road texting while driving, talking on the phone without a hands-free device, or doing silly things like shaving or doing make-up while driving.

As educators we need to be better. As parents/grandparents/sisters/brothers/aunts/uncles/humans/etc. **WE NEED TO BE BETTER.** Please don't be the reason someone loses a loved one – or be the loved one who was lost because it couldn't wait. It can, I promise!!!

In keeping with the distracted driving theme, here are some apps for your phone:

(I'm not endorsing any...just some options I'm passing on to you ☐)

1. Road Ready (Apple)
2. Steer Clear (Apple)
3. Safe Driver (Apple)
4. Safely Go (Android)
5. DriveMode (AT&T)
6. Drive First (Sprint)

Reasons to use an App:

I use an app for my phone. It's wonderful for a few reasons:

1. It tells whomever is texting or calling that I'm driving. (This way they know I'm busy).
2. It allows for that immediate gratification of an answer from me to my friend/loved one.
3. I'm not distracted from my driving.
4. No one will die or get hurt due to my distracted driving.
5. The app turns on once I hit about 20 mph – automatically.
6. I personalized my message so when it pops up, it's not generic or weird. It's ME telling THEM I'm busy.
7. It's free. Some apps may not be, but the one I use is free.

*** You will never see me texting while driving...or talking on the phone...or doing make-up.***

Reminder!!!! NEW Summer DE-1 Form in online

Just a quick reminder to everyone receiving this email...

Since I sent out the new Summer 2016 DE-1 form, I've already started receiving lots of forms in the mail. Make sure you don't sit on your renewal, because the sooner it gets into me, the sooner I'll be able to get to your school and approve it. I'm looking at 300ish school renewals/amendments/new MV-283 card holder applications. I can only work so fast – don't forget my dears, there's only one of me!!!

If your program expired 8/31/15 or will be expiring soon (end of the Spring semester) here's the link I sent to the schools the came up in my query.

You'll find the Summer DE-1 form here, and 2 links below is the DE-1/DE-1A Assistance form...

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/cte/de/forms.html>

****If I missed your school in my query, make sure you let me know a correct email address to have in the database!!****

Stay safe out there!!!

Mary ☺