



<p><b>Dad of teen driver</b></p> <p><b>Conner Wren (CG'd earlier)</b></p> <p>Shots of Conner getting in car</p> <p>Shots of Conner driving</p> <p><b>CG: Motao Zhu, MD</b> Center for Injury Research &amp; Policy</p> <p>Shots of research center</p> <p>Shot of Conner driving (blur for graphic) <b>Graphic: Comprehensive handheld cellphone use bans in the U.S.:</b> -save 140 lives -prevent nearly 14,000 injuries</p> <p><b>Dr. Zhu (CG'd earlier)</b> <b>Graphic:</b> <b>Comprehensive hands-free cellphone laws associated with 7% fewer driver deaths</b></p> <p>Shots of Conner driving</p> <p>Shots of road from inside car</p> <p><b>Dr. Zhu (CG'd earlier)</b></p> <p>Shots of Conner driving, pulling into parking lot</p> <p>Shots of Conner getting out of car at work</p> <p><b>(PACKAGE END) -----</b></p>	<p><i>going to happen.” :04</i></p> <p><i>“I put it in the center console.” :02</i></p> <p>(NATS - Conner getting in car, putting phone away) :01</p> <p>STILL, DISTRACTED DRIVING CAUSES MORE THAN THREE-THOUSAND FATAL TRAFFIC CRASHES ANNUALLY<sup>2</sup>, AND NEW DRIVERS ARE AT THE HIGHEST RISK. :07</p> <p><i>“For the teen driver that just got their full license, they can drive without adult supervision, they have the highest crash risk. And also, they have the highest cellphone use while driving.” :11</i></p> <p>A NEW STUDY LED BY RESEARCHERS AT THE CENTER FOR INJURY RESEARCH AND POLICY AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL EXAMINED DRIVERS OF ALL AGES AND FOUND THAT LAWS THAT ENCOURAGE DRIVERS TO PUT THEIR PHONES AWAY HAVE HELPED, SAVING AN ESTIMATED ONE-HUNDRED-FORTY LIVES EVERY YEAR IN THE U-S AND PREVENTING NEARLY FOURTEEN THOUSAND DRIVER INJURIES. :16</p> <p><i>“Our research has shown that comprehensive hands-free cellphone laws were associated with fewer deaths. But the specific cellphone bans were not.” :13</i></p> <p>THOSE MORE SPECIFIC LAWS THAT JUST BAN THINGS LIKE CALLING OR TEXTING ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE, AND THEREFORE HAVE LOWER COMPLIANCE.</p> <p>YET, ONLY TWENTY-ONE STATES HAVE ENACTED BROAD LAWS THAT PROHIBIT ALL HANDHELD CELLPHONE USE WHILE DRIVING. :12</p> <p><i>“We recommend all states pass comprehensive hands-free cellphone laws.” :05</i></p> <p>(NATS - Conner Driving) :01</p> <p>UNTIL THEN, IT’S IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE DRIVERS LIKE CONNER, WHO KNOWS THAT KEEPING HIS HANDS ON THE WHEEL, HIS EYES ON THE ROAD AND HIS MIND ON DRIVING CAN SAVE LIVES. :08</p> <p>NATS - (Conner getting out of car) :02</p> <p>AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, THIS IS BARB CONSIGLIO REPORTING. :02</p>
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<p><b>CG: Conner Wren</b> Teen driver</p>	<p>Conner says even looking at your phone quickly is dangerous: <i>“When you're sitting in your room, you allow yourself to get focused in on the device. When you're in a car, it's hard to gauge that because you're like, “Oh, I'm driving. I can't get distracted.” So, even just a glance could mean car merges in front of you and then... It's just so shaky,”</i> :18</p> <p>Conner says more drivers should be aware of the dangers of using a cellphone: <i>“There should be more statistics mainly to show that, “Hey, you being there texting whoever, barreling down the highway, there's this chance to kill or hurt anyone,” because I just think they don't know how... Although they probably feel in control, they're really not, I think they don't know that.”</i> :23</p> <p>Conner says starting with safe habits will help be a safe driver for life: <i>“Having this knowledge now and having the self control to not touch it while I'm driving will help prevent myself in the future from causing accidents.”</i> :08</p>
<p><b>CG: Troy Wren</b> Dad of teen driver</p>	<p>Troy says he pointed out distracted drivers when teaching his son to drive: <i>“I would point and call out people that were not paying attention and ask him some things, “What would you do in this situation, if you're next to someone on the interstates and you see that they are texting and driving, what do you do.”</i> :15</p> <p>Troy says reading a text or an email can compromise your safety: <i>“While you're trying to focus in on reading that text, reading that email, something is going on around your environments and you are behind the wheel at not 10 and two anymore, you're at 12 o'clock. And you're trying to look at this phone and something's going to happen.”</i> :17</p> <p>Troy says something something can happen if you take your attention off the road for a moment: <i>“Folks merging, the red lights, the green lights, who's next to you, who's in front of you and just making sure that you're being very aware of your surroundings because at any given moment something's going to happen.”</i> :16</p>

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