

HELP PREVENT DISTRACTED DRIVING - COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Have you survived a close call due to a distracted driver? Are you worried about your kids texting and driving? If so, please join Healthy Henry County Communities' Distracted Driving Committee!

Did you know...

- Twenty-eight percent of traffic accidents occur when people talk on cellphones or send text messages while driving, according to a study in 2010 by the National Safety Council.
- The vast majority of those crashes, 1.4 million annually, are caused by cellphone conversations, and 200,000 are blamed on text messaging.
- Younger, inexperienced drivers under 20 years old have the highest proportion of distraction-related fatal crashes.
- Every day more than 16 people are killed and 1,300 people are injured nationally due to distracted driving.
- So far this year in the U.S., there have been an estimated 663,295 crashes involving drivers using cell phones and texting.



What can you do...

We are looking for volunteers to plan educational programming for high schools in Henry County and to develop a strategy to promote awareness for all drivers. Past programming has included visits to the county high schools with simulations, skits, motor skills tests, personal testimony, statistics, shocking video and education from the IA State Patrol and Mt Pleasant Sheriff's office.

Our first planning meeting will be on Tuesday, July 19th at 1pm in classroom A1 at the Henry County Health Center. If you are interested in joining our committee or have questions please contact Tess at 319.385.6595 or yaklet@hchc.org

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