

DECIDE TO DRIVE

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LIFE IS
DISTRACTING

Definition: Distracted Driving

Distracted driving involves any activity you engage in that has the potential to distract you from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of a crash.

Have you ever seen a distracted driver behind the wheel? Maybe you have seen someone talking on a cell phone, applying makeup, drinking coffee, reaching into the back seat, or hunting for a CD? These acts, and many more, are forms of distracted driving, which can be dangerous or even life-threatening.

The **American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)** and the **Auto Alliance** want you to learn about the dangers of distracted driving.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2010 there were an estimated 3,092 fatalities in distracted driving-related crashes.

Orthopaedic surgeons—the specialists who put bones and limbs back together after road crashes and trauma—along with our partners, the automakers, would rather encourage all drivers to “**Decide to Drive**” each time they get in the car.

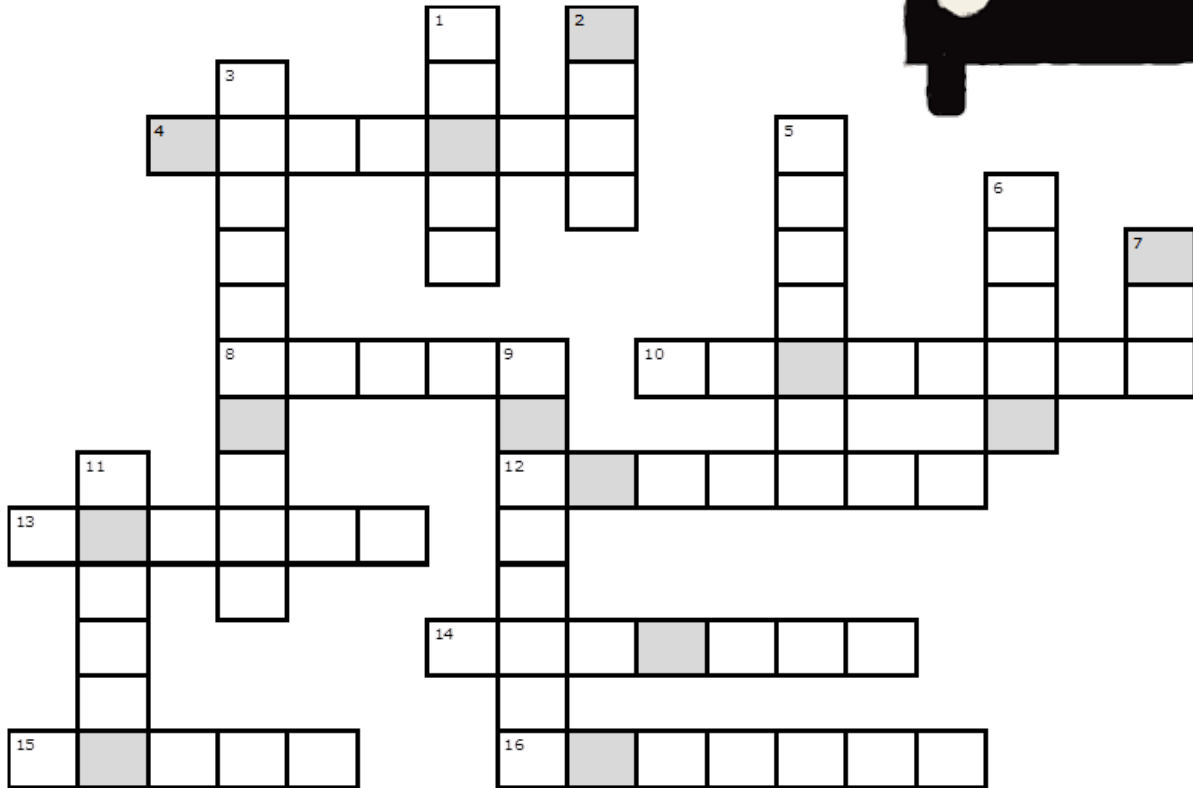
This booklet includes word puzzles, mazes, and other activities to help you learn what distracted driving behaviors are and what things drivers can do to Decide to Drive. Be an advocate for the **Decide to Drive** campaign, **begin a conversation** with your friends and/or family drivers about the dangers of distracted driving, and **sign the pledge** at the back of this booklet to help put an end to distracted driving.

Go to decidetodrive.org for radio and television public service announcements on distracted driving.



Drive Safely

Complete the puzzle using the hints below. When you fill in all of the words, unscramble the letters from the grey squares to find the hidden message.



ACROSS

4. Another word for 'car'.
8. Use these for steering, not texting, when driving.
10. This can be a distraction, even when you're thirsty.
12. Enter this into the GPS before starting the car.
13. Loud music may prevent you from hearing these.
14. ___ books while driving is dangerous!
15. This can happen when the driver is distracted.
16. Silent communication problem while driving (especially for some teenage drivers).

DOWN

1. Concentrate.
2. Drivers should keep these on the road.
3. These are for talking, not driving. (2 words)
5. A pledge not to drive distracted is a ___.
6. With practice, good driving behaviors can become a ___.
7. Friendly, furry distraction.
9. Fasten this before you drive.
11. Drivers should use this for seeing other cars, not for fixing their hair.

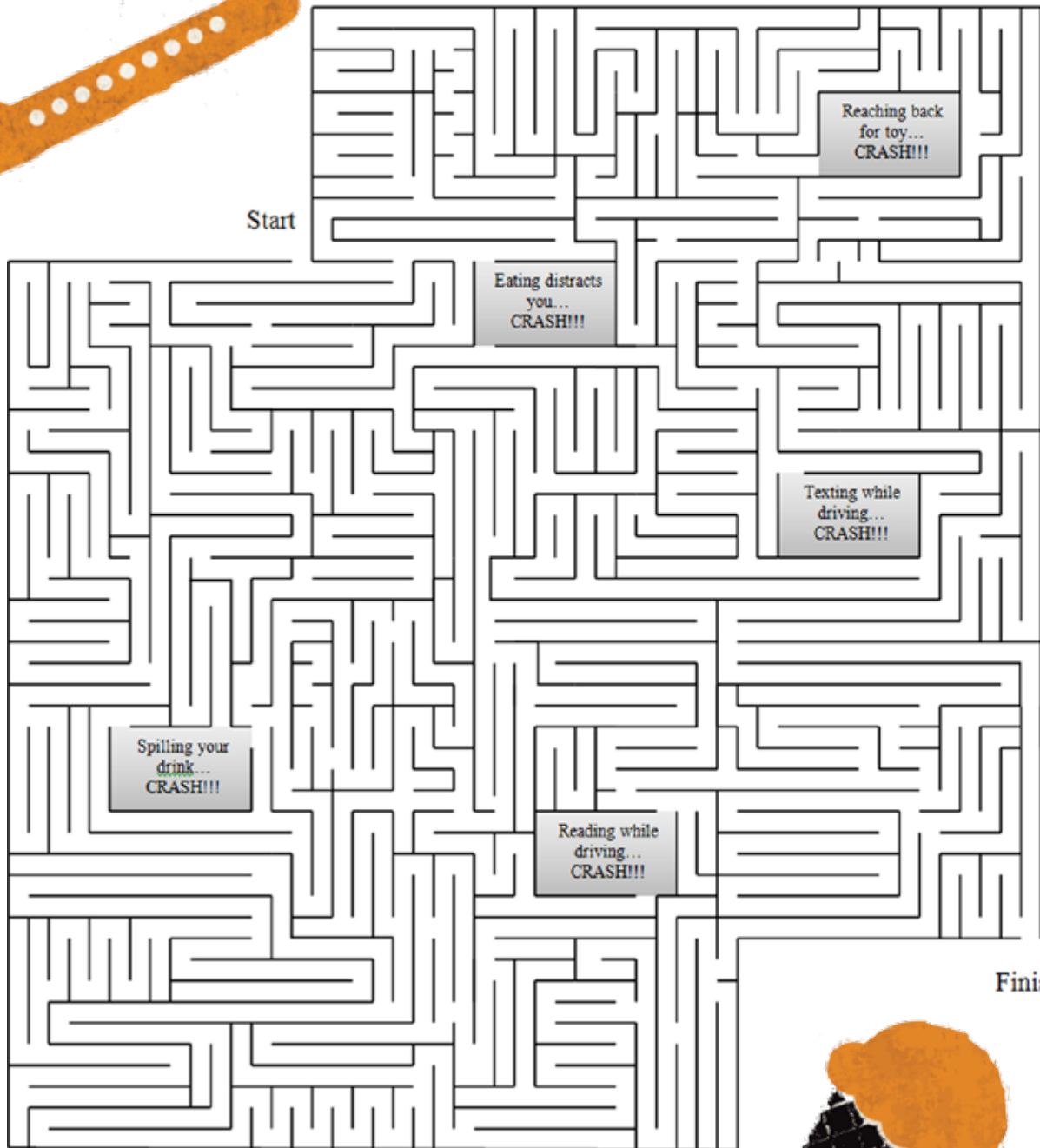
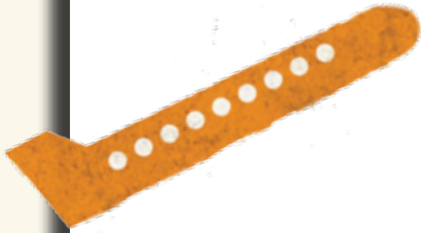
HIDDEN MESSAGE

(Unscramble the letters from the grey squares in the crossword puzzle to reveal this pledge.)

___ / ___ / ___

Roundabout Route

Believe it or not, driving mad is a distraction. This roundabout route contains several distractions which you—the driver—need to avoid to make it to the finish line safely. Good luck!



Code of the Road

A police detective in Attention County showed up on the scene of a crash just as the injured driver was being lifted into the ambulance. Fortunately, the driver only had a broken leg and his infant was not injured. When the detective asked the driver what had happened, the driver became upset. He was mumbling and not making any sense. Help the detective decipher what the driver was saying to determine what caused the crash.

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Z ⚡ E ⚡ T M / ⚡ ⚡ T ⚡ A ⚡ O ⚡

M Z S ⚡ O ⚡ A ⚡ P / , T M / ⚡ Z

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⚡ ⚡ T ⚡ A ⚡ O R ⚡ ⚡ E ⚡ P ⚡ D .

Use this code



⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M		
⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		

to decipher the driver's babble. Use the spaces below to record the

_____ / _____ A _____ / _____ / _____ N _____ .

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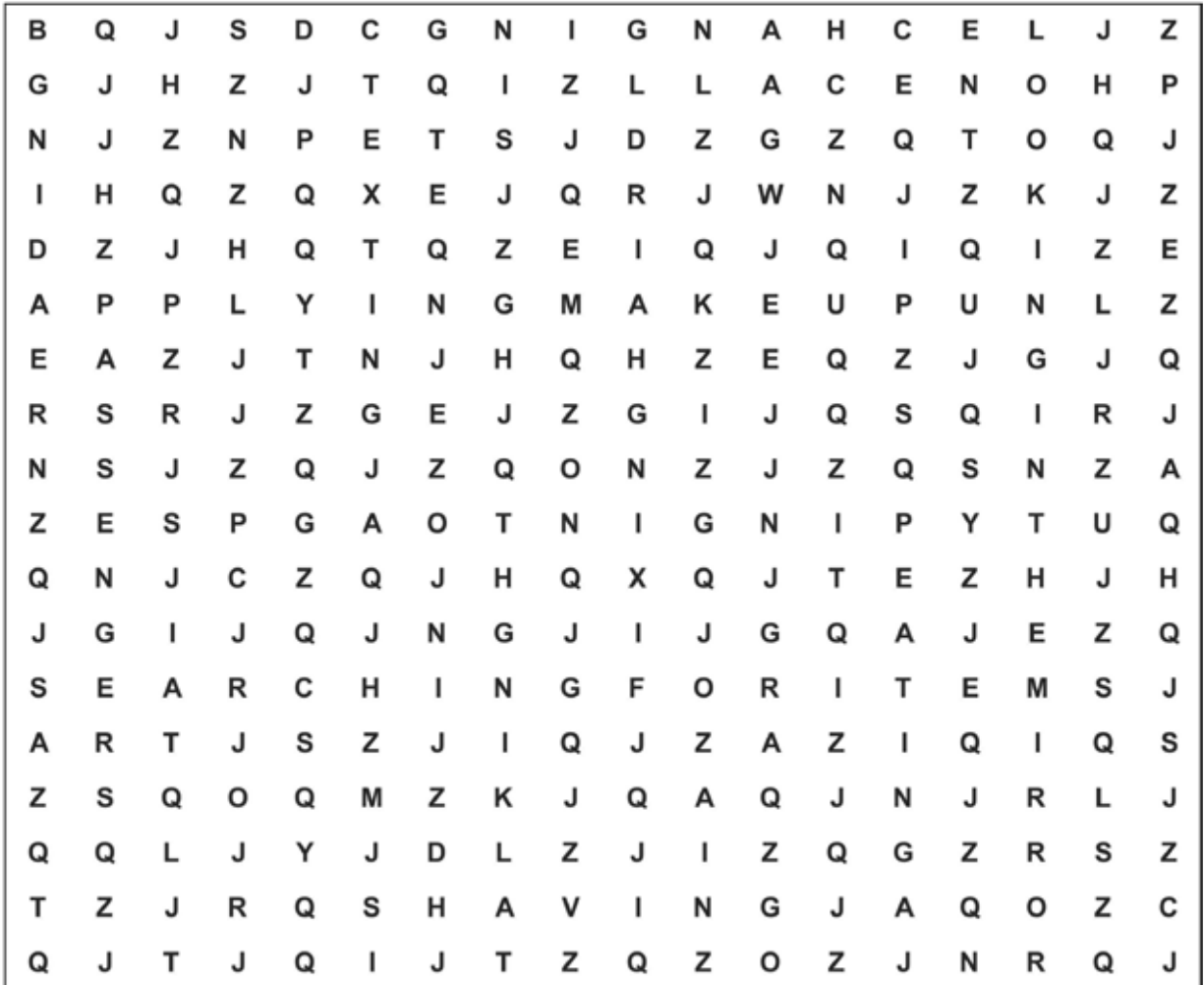
There is a secret message mixed up in the driver's babble. Can you unscramble it?

_____ / _____ / _____ / _____ !



Driving Distractions

Find the distractions that can cause drivers to crash. Words may go from forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. After you circle all of the distractions, you're on your way to revealing the hidden message.



Word List

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| APPLYING MAKEUP | FIXING HAIR | READING | TEXTING |
| ARGUING | PASSENGERS | SEARCHING FOR ITEMS | TOYS |
| CHANGING CDS | PETS | SHAVING | TYPING INTO A GPS |
| EATING | PHONE CALL | TALKING | WRITING |

Hidden Message

After you have crossed out all the distractions (word list) in the word search grid, cross out the letters J, Q, and Z. Place the remaining letters (the ones you haven't circled or crossed out) in the spaces below, in order, starting with the top row, and going from left to right.

_____/_____/_____,/_____/_____/_____/

Discussion Questions

America's orthopaedic surgeons, in partnership with automakers, urge all drivers to keep their most sophisticated safety features engaged at all times: eyes on the road and hands on the wheel. Join the effort to stop distracted driving. Start a conversation with those whom you care about most, and remind them they are the most advanced safety feature of any vehicle.

Q: After school, your friend offers to drive you and others to the mall to hang out. Everyone is having fun, really involved in conversation, and listening to music while driving along. You're sitting in the passenger seat and notice that the car is swerving back and forth into neighboring lanes—the driver is texting while driving and adjusting the controls on the car dashboard. What would you say to your friend?

Q: Your parent is driving you to school while taking a work-related call. The vehicle you are in runs a red light and barely misses a collision at the intersection. What would you say to your parent?

Q: It's after practice, and one of your teammate's parent is carpooling you and your friends home. A couple of friends mention they are hungry and the parent turns around and to reach in the backseat for snacks while driving. What would you say to that parent?

Pledge to be a “Decide to Drive” Advocate

Orthopaedic surgeons—the specialists who put bones and limbs back together after road crashes and trauma—along with our partners, the automakers, encourage all drivers to “Decide to Drive” each time they get in the car.

I understand the dangers of distracted driving behaviors. By signing this pledge, I promise to **Decide to Drive** each time I get in a car. And I promise to warn my friends or family driver anytime he or she is engaging in distracted driving behaviors.

Signature

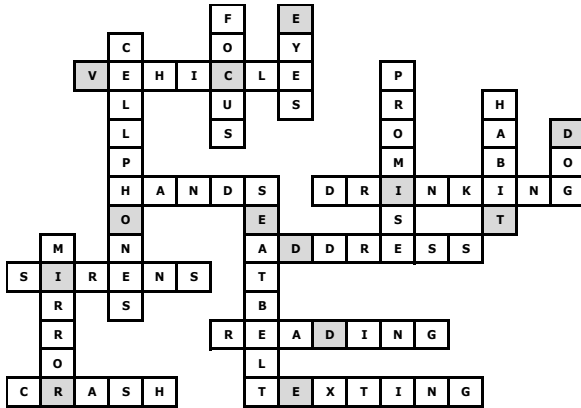
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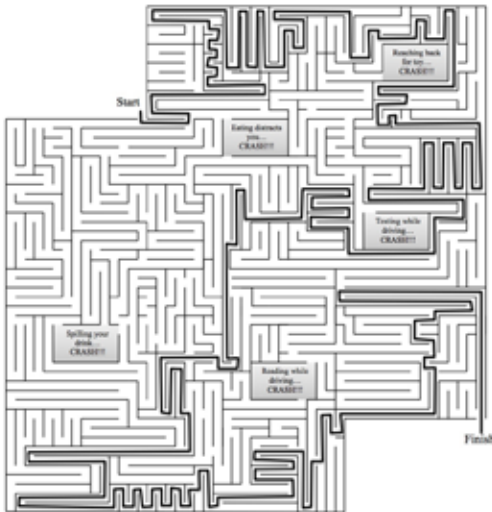
Answer Keys

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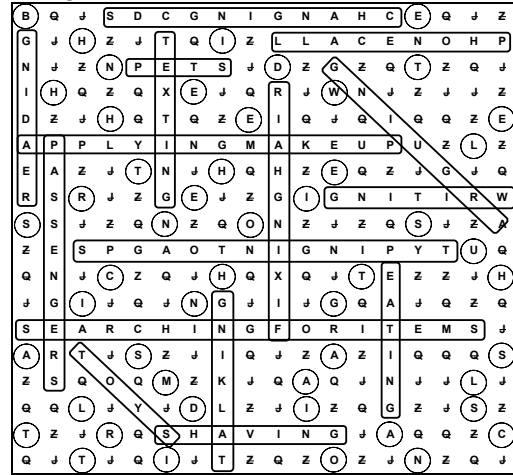


Hidden Message: DECIDE TO DRIVE

Roundabout Route



Driving Distractions



Hidden Message: BEHIND THE WHEEL THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SMALL DISTRACTION

Code of the Road

Driver's Reply: THE BABY WAS FUSSING.
I REACHED BACK FOR HIS BOTTLE, THEN I CRASHED. I ONLY LOOKED BACK FOR A SECOND!

Secret Message: EYES ON THE ROAD!

