

By The Numbers

- **Fatalities**: Distracted driving is a leading cause of traffic fatalities in the United States. latest statistics indicate there were 3,142 fatalities due to distracted driving.
- **Injuries**: Distracted driving also results in over 400,000 injuries per year.
- Texting: 1 out of every 4 car accidents in the United
 States is caused by texting and driving
- **Preventive Measures**: Public awareness campaigns and technology solutions
- New Michigan law: Drivers cannot manually, make or answer a telephone or video call, send or read a text message, watch, record or send a video, access, read or post to social media, use the internet or enter information into GPS Navigation systems



Applying Lean

- Identifying and eliminating Waste: i.e. talking, texting, eating etc. Eliminating this waste is crucial
- Continuous Improvement: Continuously review driving habits to minimize distractions, including self assessment, peer feedback, or technology features that prevent distractions
- Standardized Work: Having well defined and consistent driving habits that prioritize safety such as; putting your phone on silent or keeping it out of reach while driving
- Leadership and Culture: Leadership plays a crucial role in setting the tone for safety. Organizations and individuals should promote a culture of safety and lead by example. Employers can implement policies that discourage distracted driving



