

Is Surfing the Internet Replacing Texting as the Biggest Distracted Driving Danger?

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A new survey suggests that surfing the Internet may be replacing texting as the biggest [distracted driving danger](#). State Farm's annual research report on distracted driving reveals that drivers are increasingly accessing the Internet while driving. Although the rate was higher in younger drivers, older drivers were also guilty of the same bad habit.

Below is a brief summary of what [State Farm](#) found.

For drivers 18-29:

- Accessing the Internet while on a cell phone while driving increased from 29 percent in 2009 to 48 percent in 2012.
- Reading social media networks while driving increased from 21 percent in 2009 to 36 percent in 2012.
- Updating social networks while driving increased from 20 percent in 2009 to 30 percent in 2011.
- Checking email while driving rose from 32 percent in 2009 to 43 percent in 2012.

For all drivers, the data showed:

- Smart phone ownership is on the rise, and people who report webbing while driving goes down with age.
- Accessing the Internet while on a cell phone increased from 13 percent in 2009 to 21 percent in 2012.
- Reading social media networks while driving increased from 9 percent in 2009 to 15 percent in 2012.
- Updating social networks while driving increased from 9 percent in 2009 to 13 percent in 2012.

For drivers, the risk of a serious accident is still the same, regardless of whether you are sending a text or updating your Facebook page. Therefore, we urge drivers to put down the cell phone while driving at all times. It could save your life or the life of someone else.

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