

# HARDIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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## JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

- ✓ Injuries are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 40.
- ✓ During National Safety Month, we encourage you to learn more about important safety issues:
  - Transportation
  - Drowning
  - Poison Prevention
  - Weather Disasters

National Safety Month 2020



*Safety does not happen by accident!*

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

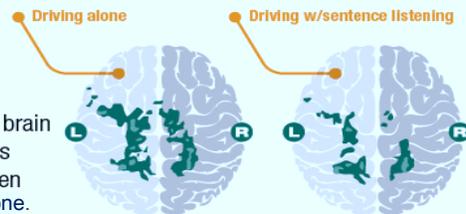
Doing other activities while driving—such as texting or eating—distracts you and increases your chances of crashing. Almost 1 in 6 crashes (15%) are a result of distracted driving.

A recent public opinion poll conducted by the National Safety Council indicated 80% of American drivers incorrectly believe hands-free devices are safer than using a handheld phone. **It is just as dangerous!**

### MULTI-TASKING IS A MYTH!

The brain quickly toggles between tasks – but can't do two things at the same time.

The activity in the area of the brain that processes moving images **decreases by up to 1/3** when listening to or talking on a phone.



**Educate Teen Drivers! Car crashes are their No. 1 cause of death due to inexperience!**

## DROWNING

Drowning is the #1 cause of death for children ages 1 to 4, mostly due to children falling into pools or being left alone in bathtubs. Never leave a child unattended, always keep your eyes on your child, never underestimate the power of water, and get training in CPR. Distractions Make for Tragedies!

## POISON PREVENTION

Store all household products out of children's sight and reach. Install child safety locks on cabinets where you have poisonous items stored. Keep cleaning products in their original containers so they cannot be mistaken for something else. Throw away old medicines. Check your garage, basement, and other storage areas for products you no longer need.

## WEATHER RELATED DISASTERS

Weather related disasters claim hundreds of lives per year and leave thousands unprepared when disaster strikes. Always be prepared and keep a disaster emergency kit on hand. Recommended items are enough nonperishable food and water for 7 days for you and your pet(s), first aid kit, flashlights, battery operated radio, extra batteries, tool kit, fire extinguisher, a change of clothing, medicines for you and your pet(s), and cash.