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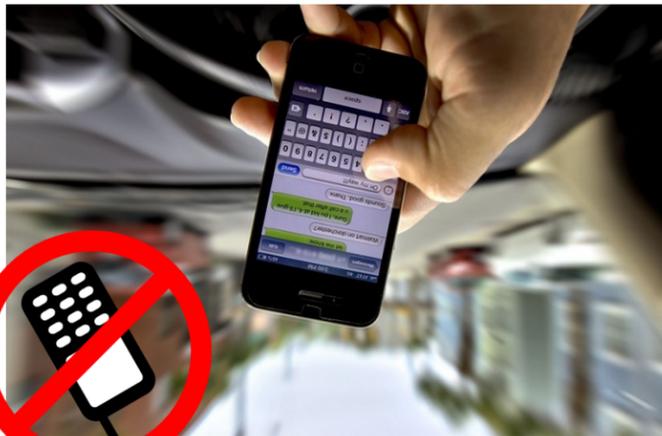
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TEXTING WHILE DRIVING MAKES A CRASH UP TO 23 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN. JUST REACHING FOR THE DEVICE MAKES A CRASH



DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE!

Getting caught up in the warmer weather can put us all in a Spring fever frenzy! If you want to meet up with friends or family and enjoy the weather make sure you're not letting your plans and excitement interfere with your driving. Texting someone "I'm on my way," while driving could make the difference between whether or not you actually get there.

Do not put yourself and the rest of the motoring public at this kind of risk.

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An Independent, Consumer-Oriented, Auto Body Collision Repair Business!

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Quarterly Newsletter

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PENNSYLVANIA MOTORIST & BICYCLIST LAWS

We are welcoming Spring and its beautiful weather with a smile! The sun is coming out, the roads are clear of snow, and after school or work you can go for a walk, run, or bike ride! Any motorist knows that pedestrians have the right-of-way on the roads ... but what about bicyclists? It is common thought for motorists to think of the bicyclist as a burden on road, or for the bicyclist to think that they do not need to follow certain laws of the road. **Fact: In Pennsylvania, bicycles are considered vehicles.** Therefore, bicyclists need to follow roadway rules, and motorists need to treat the bicycle as if it were a car.



For about four years now there has been a law in PA to give bicyclists on the roadway a **4-foot buffer** to ride. It's difficult to enforce this kind of law, but due to dangerous accidents it is important for the community to spread awareness of acknowledging the rights of a bicyclist on the roadway.



- People tend not to realize that in order to give bicyclists the 4-foot buffer, they are LEGALLY allowed to cross over a double yellow line - being mindful of distance from oncoming traffic as well.
- Passing a bicyclist at a close distance can create a potentially dangerous situation even if you do not hit them.

TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS:

- Bicyclists are granted all of the rights and responsibilities of a driver of a motor vehicle.
- Bicyclists fare best when they *act and are treated* as drivers of vehicles.
- A bicyclist is safer riding **WITH** traffic rather than facing it or riding on the side walk.

- ⇒ Motorists do not expect bicycle traffic to approach from the wrong direction.
- A front light and rear reflector **MUST** be used on a bicycle after sunset to alert other drivers.
- ⇒ **57%** of fatal and non-fatal bicycle accidents occur during non-daylight hours!
- A bicyclist traveling more slowly than other traffic should ride to the right of the roadway. They may leave the right-most side when moving as fast as other traffic.

FOR MOTORISTS:

- As stated, a motorist **MUST** give a bicyclist a 4-foot buffer to ride if they are going to pass.
- Do not open your vehicle's door unless it is safe to do so, make sure there are no bicyclists riding past your car prior to opening the door.
- Turning: No turn by a driver of a motor vehicle can interfere with a bicyclist proceeding straight.



As motorist and bicyclist, have a regard for each other's safety and respect each other's space on the roadway.

Information Provided by: The Borough of West Chester - PA Bicycle Law Enforcement

Visit us at:
www.crawfordsac.com

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In Loving Memory Of: Alice C. Behrndt

1923 - 2016

Besides being a key part of our Crawford's Crew, she was a mother, grandmother, and a woman who will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

LONG DRIVES

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, **drowsy driving results in an estimated 1,550 deaths and 71,000 injuries per year.** Drowsy driving can be easily prevented, so please share these guidelines:

Some signs of drowsiness while driving include the following:

- Difficulty focusing, frequent blinking, or heavy eyelids.
- Daydreaming and distracted thoughts.
- Trouble remembering the last few miles driven.
- Yawning repeatedly or rubbing your eyes.
- Drifting from your lane or hitting a shoulder rumble strip.



Some tips!

- **Get a good night's sleep.** While this varies from individual to individual, sleep experts recommend between 7-9 hours of sleep per night for adults and 8 ½ – 9 ½ for teens.
- **Plan to drive long trips with a companion.** Passengers can help look for early warning signs of fatigue or switch drivers when needed. Passengers should stay awake to talk to the driver.
- **Schedule regular stops,** every 100 miles or two hours.
- **Avoid alcohol and medications** (over-the-counter and prescribed) that may impair performance. Alcohol interacts with fatigue, increasing its effects – just like drinking on an empty stomach.

How can you prevent drowsy driving?

- **Take a 15-20 minute nap.** More than 20 minutes can make you groggy for at least five minutes after awakening.
- **Consume the equivalent of two cups of coffee.** Caffeine is available in various forms such as soft drinks, energy drinks, and coffee. *For the best results, try consuming caffeine, then taking a short nap to get the benefits of both.* (Pack some of that caffeine source for the road for quick pick-me-ups!)
- **Pull over at rest stops or available parking lots regularly (even if you think you don't need to!),** even if it is just to get out of the car and stretch, walk around a little bit, grab a snack and breathe some fresh air! It'll get your blood moving making you more alert when you get back behind the wheel.

Information provided by:
www.drowsydriving.org

LOCAL FIRE COMPANIES NEED OLD CARS TO CUT UP FOR TRAINING!

DEMO CARS NEEDED!

Do you, or someone you know, have a non-road worthy vehicle that you want to get off your hands? Help your local fire companies, including Minquas Fire Company, Lionville Fire Company and Alert Fire Company, by donating the vehicle for their use during various training scenarios! Call us and we can provide you with documentation that shows that your old car was donated for tax purposes.



SAFECAR PRI INSPECTIONS @ CRAWFORD'S!

If you have been in an automobile accident that has required major repairs to your automobile or truck we recommend you have a **SAFECAR Post-Repair-Inspection** performed on your vehicle.

What is a PRI Inspection?

A **Post-Repair-Inspection** is where a qualified technician double checks the repairs that have been previously performed on your vehicle to make sure the repairs follow the original manufacturer's recommended repair and refinish procedures using original manufactured parts.

Why would I want a post repair inspection?

In the world of auto body collision repair, the majority of repairs fall in the category of a third party payer of services. The entity that is responsible to cover the cost of the repairs is usually an insurance company. FYI - Insurance companies have established referral networks and Direct Repair Shops (DRP) within the marketplace whose contracted obligation is to follow the estimating and repair guidelines of their insurance partner versus the original manufacturer's recommendations. Many of these contracted repair shops have based their business profile on a high volume of vehicle repairs performed as quick and as cheaply as they can turn out the work. This, combined



with the insurance partners demand for imitation and used parts, creates a questionable repair product when the quest for profit overshadows quality. As we go about our

SAFECAR Post-Repair-Inspections, areas are identified where repair shops have cut corners and sent their customers out onto the highways with improperly repaired vehicles.

SAFECAR Post-Repair-Inspections take place when our customers have made the choice to follow their insurance company's direction to the DRP facility. Unknowingly your vehicle may have been subjected to improper

parts, repairs and refinishing procedures. We can usually spot these type of issues with an on-the-spot inspection which we offer as a **no charge service** to our customers in an attempt to help them receive the proper auto body repair service. Just give us a call and ask for an appointment when you can drive in to have your vehicle inspected. We will ask you to bring along any paperwork you received from the repair shop or insurance company and together we can inspect your vehicle. There is no charge for this service and if we find areas that need to be addressed we can discuss how you would like to move forward with corrective repairs.

Call SafeCar @ # 610-269-0126

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