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April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month

Safe driving:

More and more, using a mobile device is a vital part of our lives. We are often driving with a person served in our cars, navigating the phone's GPS to find a location or sending information to a co-worker. The greatest threat to safe driving is using a mobile device while driving.

- In a given day, 418,00 drivers are using their mobile phones or devices while driving
- Everyday, 9 people are killed and more than 1000 are injured in crashes involving distracted drivers
- Mobile devices are a contributing factor in 6 million accidents per year
- The odds of an accident goes up 23 times when texting and driving

In simple terms, distracted driving is multi-tasking behind the wheel. Here are some ways to avoid distracted driving

- Use a hands-free device. It gives a boost in safety, but does not eliminate all distractions
- Set essential controls before you back out of your parking spot, queue up the playlist, set climate controls and program any destinations into your GPS
- If you get lost, find a safe place to pull off the road to make changes to your GPS
- Suspend phone conversations in heavy traffic or bad weather even if your on a hands-free device
- On long drives, take breaks to rest your eyes

Remember that all Universal employees watch a defensive driving video upon hire.

Did you know?

Universal will be having a job fair. April 28 the fair will be held at our Asheville office and May 12 at our Forest City office. The hours are from 10am until 2pm at both locations.

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