

# The Great Multitasking Lie

## MYTH versus REALITY

### MYTH '1 Drivers can multitask REALITY

The human brain cannot do two things at the same time – like watch tv and hold a phone conversation.

I'm good.  
How ya doing?  
Great.

PLEASE STAND BY



The same is true when driving and talking on your phone. The brain switches between the two tasks which slows reaction time.

..... BOTH THINKING TASKS .....



### MYTH '2 Talking on a cell phone is just like speaking to a passenger REALITY

Backseat drivers are good for you. Adult passengers help the driver and alert drivers to traffic problems.



People on the other end of phones can't see what's going on!

### MYTH '3 Speaking hands-free is safe to use while driving REALITY

Drivers talking on cell phones can miss seeing up to 50% of their driving environments, including pedestrians and red lights.



### MYTH '4 I only use my phone at stop lights so it's ok REALITY

Even at stop lights, it is important to remain an attentive driver. For example, a recent AAA study shows that people are distracted up to 27 seconds after they finish sending a voice text.

27 SECONDS



### MYTH '5 Voice-to-text is safe to do while driving REALITY

It is actually still very distracting. You're not only mentally distracted, but you're visually distracted due to the common autocorrect errors.

Send text to Aunt Lisa

I miss you and hope to see you loon  
Sending text to Amoré Pizza

Get more info: [distracteddriving.nsc.org](http://distracteddriving.nsc.org)

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