6 out of 10 teen crashes involve driver distraction.

Passengers are the #1 distraction:

- 15% Interacting with one or more passengers
- 12% Using a cellphone
- 10% Looking at something in the vehicle
- 8% Singing/dancing to music
- 6% Grooming
- 6% Reaching for an object
- 9% Looking at something outside the vehicle
Stay safe behind the wheel and in the passenger seat.

WHAT WE KNOW

Driving distracted is dangerous for anyone, but teen drivers are particularly vulnerable. A nine-year study found that NEARLY 60% of teen driver crashes were caused by some form of driver distraction. Driving with other teen passengers in the car topped the list of all distractions, causing even more crashes than cell phones.

HOW PASSENGERS CAN HELP

**Don’t Distract the Driver**
- Avoid unnecessary conversations
- Avoid unnecessary phone use
- Don’t pull the driver’s attention away from the road

**Assist the Driver for a Safer Ride**
- Silence phone notifications/rings and answer only when necessary
- Adjust AC/music/GPS as needed
- Navigate and stay alert to help the driver avoid danger
- If you see unsafe behavior, say something

WHAT WE ARE DOING

AAA is dedicated to keeping teen drivers safe through traffic safety research, education and programs. Parents and teens can visit TeenDriving.AAA.com to find valuable resources that will help to navigate the learning-to-drive process.