

Attorney Big Al Concerned About Pokémon Go Increasing Auto Accidents, Offers Tips For Avoiding Reckless Drivers

Pokémon Go, an augmented reality app involving the capture of fictional creatures called Pokémon, is one of the most popular apps of the summer. [Attorney Big Al](#) is concerned by rising rates of driving accidents while playing the game and advocates for defensive driving as a response.

Hollywood, FL ([PRWEB](#)) September 15, 2016 -- Pokémon Go is a virtual reality game that users play by walking around their physical world with the app open while a virtual avatar mirrors their footsteps in the game's landscape. In doing so, the user discovers and captures various Pokémon that can be trained and battled. Because the game runs when the user is walking, it can be a great motivator for users to get outside and move about. However, some players attempt to cheat the system by playing the game while driving, resulting in accidents that injure others and cause untold damage to other vehicles on the road.

This month in Japan, a distracted driver using the app [struck and killed a woman on the street](#), despite warnings in the game's user interface not to play the game while driving. Additionally, some users who fail to pay attention to their surroundings can wander into dangerous or restricted areas in their quest to catch Pokémon. Failing to pay attention to surroundings while playing the game is a high risk subject.

Distracted driving is [just as dangerous as drunk driving](#), a statistic that should concern that average citizen. While no one can prevent those around them from playing Pokémon Go while driving, the increasing crash rates while using the game are enough cause for alarm that [Attorney Big Al](#) advocates for safer driving tactics.

“Apps are a lot of fun, but you don't want to be on the road with other players,” he commented. “Defensive driving tactics are critical to prevent further accidents on the road. Luckily, they're easy to learn and follow.” Defensive driving is a method of driving that encourages drivers to think of other vehicles on the road as potential threats at all times. It allows more time for drivers to react to dangerous situations such as people Pokémon Go in moving vehicles.

Defensive driving requires drivers to anticipate potential threats before they happen, so that they have plenty of time to avoid collisions and other accidents. Attorney Big Al advises drivers to follow these principles and keep their eyes open for drivers moving erratically across the road or vehicles that seem to be moving slower than the speed of traffic. Always maintain a following distance of a few seconds, which translates generally to being able to see the wheels of the car in front of you. This gives drivers enough time to respond if the car breaks suddenly. Furthermore, never talk on the phone while driving, even via Bluetooth, as these distractions can cut down on your response time. Driving defensively can help people avoid app-related accidents on the road.



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