

Arizona Texting While Driving Accident Attorney William Penn Comments On Report Stating Texting While Driving Is More Dangerous Than Drunk Driving

The Arizona distracted driving lawyer at the Law Offices of William Penn weighs in on a study that concludes texting while driving is six times more dangerous than drunk driving.

Kingman, AZ ([PRWEB](#)) January 05, 2014 -- Commenting on a recent news report stating that texting while driving is six times more dangerous than drunk driving, Arizona personal injury lawyer William Penn of the [Law Offices of William Penn](#) said he was not all that surprised to read the findings and he often sees cases involving drivers distracted by cellphones.

Penn commented on a report in the [Washington Times, "Texting while driving: more dangerous than DWI"](#) (Dec. 15, 2013). The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration conducted the study, which also found that texting while driving is more than dangerous than driving while high on marijuana, the Washington Times reported.

Penn said the findings might come as a surprise to many people who might think texting while driving is not a big deal. "People make the mistake of thinking that they are good enough drivers to send or read a text. In fact, many previous studies have looked at the dangers of texting behind the wheel, with some comparing texting and driving to drunk driving. This latest one states that texting while driving is even more dangerous than drunk driving," Penn said. "You can't deny the facts. The numbers in this study clearly illustrate that people who text and drive react much slower than normal drivers. The result is everyone on the road is at risk when drivers choose to text while driving."

Car and Driver magazine reached a similar conclusion when it conducted a similar study, the Washington Times reported. In the Car and Driver study, drivers were alerted when to stop a vehicle going 70 miles per hour, according to the Times. Four different drivers were tested: a sober driver, a legally-drunk driver with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .08, a driver reading an email and a texting driver. The sober driver took .54 seconds to stop. The drunk driver took an additional 4 feet to stop; emailing driver an additional 36 feet; texting driver an extra 70 feet, the Washington Times reported.

Arizona is one of the few states nationwide that still allows texting while driving. Nationwide, 41 states and the District of Columbia have laws banning texting while driving for all drivers, according to [Governors Highway Safety Association](#) website, which was last updated in December 2013.

Arizona needs to do more to prevent distracted driving accidents statewide, according to Arizona distracted driving accident lawyer William R. Penn.

"We understand people want the freedom to do what they want, but public safety has to be a priority in Arizona and nationwide," Penn said. "Too many innocent people die and sustain serious injuries every year due to people texting while driving. We know because we have worked with so many people dealing with the aftermath of distracted driving accidents in Arizona. Just because texting while driving is legal in Arizona doesn't mean it's the right thing to do. People need to take responsibility and learn to safely share the road with everyone around them – before it's too late."



For more information about Arizona distracted driving accidents and the legal options available to Arizona families, call (928) 753-1830 or complete the [online contact form](#).

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