

Orange County Distracted Driving Accident Attorney John Rapillo Comments on Report about Texting Habits of Adult Drivers

Orange County car accident lawyer John Rapillo weighs in on study reporting that young adult drivers use their phones more than drivers 16-18 years old.

Orange County, CA ([PRWEB](#)) January 07, 2014 -- A recently released report claims drivers 25-39 years old are more than twice as likely to regularly use their phone while driving than drivers 16-18 years old, a statistic that came as a surprise to Orange County, CA personal injury lawyer John Rapillo of the [Law Offices of John Rapillo](#).

Rapillo commented on the findings released by the [AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety](#), “[Teens Report Texting or Using Phone While Driving Significantly Less Often than Adults](#)” (Dec. 10, 2013).

“People tend to point fingers at teenagers when talking about the dangers of distracted driving or texting while driving,” Rapillo said. “But this study clearly shows that the problem affects other age groups even more. Maybe it’s because younger adults in their 20s and 30s grew up with cellphones and feel more confident using a phone behind the wheel or texting while driving. Whatever the reason, drivers should avoid using cellphones when operating a vehicle. Is that call or text really worth risking your life or the lives of others sharing the road?”

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety conducted the survey about the cellphone use habits of drivers of all ages. The study reported that two out of three drivers of all ages admitted to using a cellphone while driving within the past month. By age group, 43 percent of drivers 25 to 39 years old reported using their cellphone while driving “fairly often.” In contrast, only 20 percent of teenage drivers 16 to 18 years old reported using their cellphone while driving “fairly often,” the study found.

Rapillo said the statistics were equally startling for texting while driving. The AAA report stated that 45 percent of drivers 25-39 years old admitted to texting while driving. As for teenage drivers 16 to 18 years old, 31 percent admitted to texting while driving, the study reported. For all ages, 26 percent of all drivers reported texting while driving.

Including California, 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. California law also prohibits drivers from using hand-held cellphones while driving. Drivers must use a hands-free device when talking on the phone in California.

Such strict laws send a clear, strong message that such reckless behavior will not be tolerated in California, according to Orange County distracted driving attorney John Rapillo of the Law Offices of John Rapillo. “Texting while driving might seem like a minor infraction, but engaging in such dangerous and illegal activities puts everyone on the road at risk,” Rapillo said. “That’s why my office works so hard on auto accidents caused by distracted drivers. You didn’t do anything wrong. Why should you pay for someone else’s mistakes?”

Rapillo said attorneys can help anyone injured by another driver’s careless behavior pursue compensation for their losses.



For more information about what to do after a distracted driving accident in Southern California and the legal options available to families, call (800) 814-4771 or complete the [online contact form](#).

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