# **DRIVING DOWN DISTRACTION**

#### Reducing the Risk of the #1 Cause of Workplace Deaths

Cell phone distracted driving policies help employers keep employees safe and also protect their bottom lines.

## **HIGHWAY HAZARD**



Drivers using handheld or hands-free cell phones are 4x as likely to

crash.

The National Safety Council estimates 25% of crashes involve cell phones.



### WORKPLACE DANGER

#1 Cause of Workplace Death: Car Crashes



## **INCREASING EMPLOYER LIABILITY**

Companies have paid big for cell phone-related crashes. Go to nsc.org/liability to learn more.

\$16.1 MILLION



For a salesperson who was talking on his cell phone en route to a sales appointment and crashed, injuring another driver



For a driver talking on a hands-free headset—in accordance with her company's policy—who struck another vehicle, seriously injuring the other driver \$24.7 MILLION

For a tractor-trailer driver who, while checking text messages, ran into 10 vehicles stopped in traffic on the freeway, killing 3 people and injuring 15 others



### **IMPROVING COMPANY POLICIES**

#### Thousands of employers prohibit employees from using cell phones while driving.

Federal and state laws fall short of best practice safety standards. It's up to employers to keep their employees safe with cell phone distracted driving policies.

#### The best cell phone policies cover:











All employees

All handheld and hands-free devices

All company vehicles

All company mobile phone devices

All work-related communications, even in personal vehicles or on personal cell phones

## COMPANIES WITH TOTAL BANS ARE NO LESS PRODUCTIVE



## 1%

An NSC survey of companies of all sizes found a mere 1% of employers with cell phone distracted driving policies saw a productivity decrease.



Employers can find everything they need to start a cell phone distracted driving policy in our free Cell Phone Policy Kit at cellphonekit.nsc.org

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