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## Crime Prevention Corner

## Road Safety – It is Your Responsibility

The Fatal 5 offences are: speeding, drink/drug driving, failing to wear a seatbelt, driving whilst fatigued and <u>distraction/inattention</u>.

- Driver distraction, including mobile phone use is one of the main causes of road crashes, accounting for approximately 25% of all car crashes.
- Approximately 84% of mobile phone users own a smartphone. A survey of drivers found that 68% had read emails and 25% had updated Facebook or tweeted whilst driving.
- Drivers aged 18 to 25 years are twice as likely to make phone calls and four times more likely to text, with 12% updating Facebook and 14% taking and uploading a selfie whilst driving.
- Never send or read text messages whilst driving (even when stopped at red lights). Pull over safely
  and park your vehicle before using your mobile phone. Do not stop on the shoulder of a highway;
  take the next offramp and find a safe location to stop.
- The penalty for using your mobile phone is currently \$391 and 3 demerit points. If you are issued a second mobile phone ticket within 12 months, double demerit points (6 points) apply.

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