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Help Parents Raise Distraction-Free Kids

The new website, GenerationDistractionFree.org, contains detailed tips for families with kids of all ages as well as downloadable and printable resources, including a spot the distraction game for children riding as a passenger in a vehicle, a distraction-free pledge for all family members to sign, and a parent-teen driver agreement that addresses distraction and other risky behaviors.

The GenerationDistractionFree.org website offers tips for kids from newborns to teens. This helps parents and caregivers start the distraction conversation at an early age, since children are walking, biking and scooting years before they're driving. For example, the website suggests that parents be a positive role model and not only refrain from using their cell phones while driving, but also explain to their young children why they're doing this. For school age kids, parents are encouraged to explain that driving takes concentration and skill and to set rules about what behavior is or is not acceptable in the car.

Once children reach their teenage years, the website calls on parents and caregivers to review their state's driving laws and set higher family standards, such as no cell phone use or transporting peer passengers (a significant form of teen driver distraction). Being a calm and supportive driving supervisor and refraining from calling or texting when parents know their teen is behind the wheel are also critical. The website also explains how state Graduated Driver License (GDL) programs, which have helped reduce fatal novice driver crashes by as much as 50%, work by slowly phasing in driving responsibilities. Parents can search for their state's law on the [GHSA website](#).

Crashes caused by distracted driving killed more than 3,300 people and injured another 289,000 in 2022, [according](#) to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. However, distraction is difficult to prove at the scene of a crash, so the actual number of deaths and injuries is likely higher than reported.

Thanksgiving is around the corner and so is the time for family, friends and gathering. This is also a good opportunity to boost traffic safety communication efforts. Use this themed material to encourage people to not get behind the wheel while impaired by alcohol or drugs and to remind drivers and passengers to buckle up. Many assets are available in English and Spanish.

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