



DISTRACTED DRIVING

REMEMBER THE DRIVE



Distracted driving can lead to going from point A to point B and not even remembering the drive to get there



TALKING AND TEXTING

Use hands free devices when a call must be taken or pull over



EATING

Pull over to eat or do so at the start or end of a route

REACHING FOR SOMETHING



Get items organized and within easy reach before starting the route

GROOMING



Give ample time in the mornings to do all grooming activities at home

PASSENGER COMMUNICATION



If more than a quick glance in the rearview is required, bring the bus to a complete stop and put into park before turning to address children



RADIO OR NAVIGATION



Set up radio and navigation prior to leaving on the trip



PLAN AHEAD TO STAY SAFE

Eliminate as many distractions as possible by planning ahead and address things that must be addressed right away by pulling over



Distracted Driving Training Guide

Below are questions and talking guides for distracted driving.

Texting

True or False:

If a text only needs to be read and is not being responded to, it is okay to read it quickly and put the phone back down.

False: Any reading or typing should be done while pulled over and in park

Phone Calls

What can be done to avoid phone calls during a drive?

- Set up a voicemail that states what you are busy doing and for how long
- Turn notifications off to keep from being tempted to pick up the phone

Preparation

Things that can be done or planned in advance to prepare.

- Get vehicle organized with things needed regularly within easy reach
- If needed while in route, plan to grab a quick drink or bite when completely stopped
- Get navigation and radio set up and going prior to switching into "Drive"

Conclusion

With simple preparation most distractions can be eliminated. For distractions that cannot be removed, make strict rules on stopping the vehicle and taking time to address them and stick to the rules.