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It's back-to-school time and life gets a little more hectic – at least in my home. And just because we are busy, doesn't mean any of us should take short cuts or overlook important safety issues. Do you know that there are nearly 11,000 tire-related car crashes every year? For optimum performance, tires must have the correct air pressure, tread depth, balance, and the wheels of the vehicle must be properly aligned. Worn suspension parts and wheel alignment both play a direct role in tire wear and performance. However, where we often get involved in a case is over an accident involving a tire recall. In some cases the manufacturers send a letter. In other cases, consumers find out the hard way and complaints are issued. These accidents can lead to serious injuries and even fatalities. You may need a lawyer to prepare your case.

The second article is something we cannot stress enough. Don't text and drive. Laws vary from state to state, but no matter what your specific laws allow, look away and it can take less than 5 seconds to have an accident.

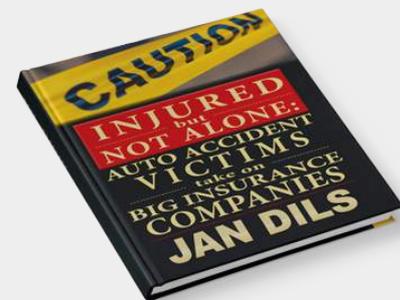
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**The Only Thing Between You
and the Road are Your Tires**



At Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, your safety is our top priority. Of course, the purpose of our educational communications is to help prevent personal injuries that can lead to severe short- and long-term medical problems or even a fatality. Defective tires are a leading cause of auto accidents, an inevitable portion of our Personal Injury cases.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Department of Transportation, on average:

- Drivers in the United States put more than 2,969 billion miles on their tires annually.
- There are nearly 11,000 tire-related crashes, and hundreds of people will die in those crashes.
- In fact, in 2016, tire malfunctions resulted in 733 known

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fatalities and approximately 19,000 people were injured in an accident where tires were a contributing factor.

Many of these crashes can be prevented through proper tire maintenance – including tire inflation and rotation, an understanding of tire labels, tire aging, and recalls and complaints.

Brands that have sent out defective tire recall notices or have been reported for selling defective tires include, but are not limited to:

- Bridgestone
- Firestone
- Goodyear
- Michelin
- Pirelli
- Yokohama
- And many others

How Do You Know if You and Your Family are Driving on Defective Tires?

There are several recall sites on the internet. [TireWise](#) is an official site of the NHTSA and could be essential to safe driving. TireWise provides drivers with information about buying tires, tire maintenance and labeling, aging, fuel efficiency, and tire retailers. TireWise is also a resource for tire manufacturers, sellers and other partners to provide essential information to consumers for choosing and caring for their tires. We invite you to visit this site – especially before you're in the garage for service and/or tires.



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Texting and phone laws vary from state to state. For example, in North Carolina, there is no ban on cell phone use, but texting is prohibited. West Virginia does not ban texting. However, both states have strict laws on drivers under age 18. Regardless of law, driver distraction is a serious problem that can result in severe injury or death. No one wants to own an irreversible tragedy just to return a text. Chances are it can wait.

Using a phone while driving is a closer call. Talking on the phone is not always negligent, although it is against the law in some states. However, doing other things on the phone, such as dialing, looking through one's address book, and reading old texts, may very well be negligent, if not illegal. When you are taking a road trip, you need to know the laws of the state.

Texting While Driving

Texting while driving can be considered negligent because, very simply, it is impossible to focus on the road while you are looking at your phone to text. Further, in order to text, you have to use at least one hand, so you have one hand – and perhaps no hands – on the steering wheel.

Why worry? Let's look at some government statistics, courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- Drivers who use handheld devices are four times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.
- Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted.
- Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road

for an average of 4.6 seconds. That is the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field at 55 MPH while blind.

Using a Phone While Driving

First, you must remember that some states ban all cell phone use while driving unless the driver is using a headset. However, more government research reports say that headset cell phone use is not substantially safer than handheld use, and that driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37%.

Even if cell phone use without a headset is legal in your state, it may still be negligent. Negligence is defined as not exercising reasonable care. There are times where talking on the phone or using a phone in some other way while driving is simply not reasonable. Let's look at a couple of examples.

Say that you're driving at night and in the pouring rain or during a snow or ice storm. That's hard enough as it is; driving with one hand and holding a phone to your head with the other hand just makes it even harder. A jury hearing those facts is very likely to find that driver negligent in connection with any resulting car accident.

Another example is driving in stop-and-go traffic. This type of driving requires the driver to keep his/her eyes on the road. Let's say that you just want to look at the phone for 3 seconds to get a phone number or to check a previously received text. Within those 3 seconds, the person in front may have stopped, and you will likely rear-end him or her.



Take the Pledge

Sadly, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in American teens. If you are a concerned parent wanting to know more about what you can do to help your child make better choices, please visit the [Don't Text and Drive](#) website.

Sources:

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