

# Inattentive Driving is the #1 Cause of Crashes



Inattentive Driving is the #1 cause of crashes in Kentucky.

Nearly 80% of crashes and 65% of near-crashes involve some form of inattention to driving.

In 2008, there were over 53,000 crashes resulting in over 15,000 injuries and 199 fatalities in KY.

National studies indicate using a cell phone while driving increases the chance of a crash by 400 percent.

A hands-free device may help in decreasing driver inattention, but be aware that headsets or ear buds reduce your ability to hear traffic noises by 50 percent.

# Seat Belts Save Lives

In 2009, there were 791 fatal collisions on Kentucky roadways. 649 of those were motor-vehicle occupants and 398 were NOT wearing a seat belt.



44% of the daytime fatalities were not wearing a seat belt and 59% of the nighttime fatalities were not wearing a seat belt.

With the passage of the primary law, Kentucky's seat belt usage rate increased from 67.2 percent in 2006 to 80 percent in 2009. The national average is 84 percent.

# ARE YOU READY TO DRIVE ?



# INSPECTIONS



# Operation K.S.P.

Kentucky's Summer Prevention  
Campaign

## Is Your Car Road Ready?

- Be sure your vehicle is road worthy before driving on the highway.
- Make sure you have plenty of fuel in your car.
- Keep your windshields and mirrors clean.
- Keep washer fluid full.
- Replace your windshield wiper blades when they become worn out.
- Check your tire pressure regularly.
- Check all lights and turn signal indicators before traveling.
- Make sure your registration and insurance papers are current and in the vehicle.
- Make sure your horn is operating properly.
- Have your exhaust system checked for leaks.
- Keep driver's compartment floorboard free of clutter.

## Are You An Inattentive Driver?

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*While Driving, Do You...*

- Talk on the Phone?
- Send or read text messages?
- Eat or drink?
- Change radio station, CD, etc?
- Listen to iPod, MP3 with headphones on?
- Have children under control? (Baby crying, children fighting)
- Put on cosmetics?
- Read the newspaper?



## How Can You Help Protect Your Family?

- Drive defensively and within the speed limit.
- Leave with plenty of time to travel.
- Have your car serviced regularly.
- Ask passengers to help by allowing you to focus on driving and being quiet.
- Don't take your eyes off the road.
- When traveling with pets, gate, crate or secure them.
- Get plenty of rest before driving on long trips.
- Wear your seat belt and make sure all your passengers are wearing seat belts.
- Never drink and drive!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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