

Words To Know

DNL Professional Driving School

Unit 9

Distraction – Results when a situation, event, object or person draws a driver’s focus away from driving.

Inattention – Occurs when a driver’s attention drifts away from driving without having been influenced by a situation, event or person.

Inside Distraction – One that occurs inside the vehicle, i.e., other passengers, using a cellphone, adjusting controls, eating or drinking, etc.

Mental Distraction – A type of distraction that takes the driver’s mind away from the road, such as engaging in conversation with a passenger or thinking about something that happened during the day.

Outside Distraction – One that occurs outside the vehicle, i.e., crash scenes, objects in roadway, police vehicle, billboards, etc.

Physical Distraction – A type of distraction that causes a driver to take his or her hands off the wheel or eyes off the road, such as reaching for an object.

Rubbernecking – When drivers maintain eye contact with a crash scene, even beyond the point that they pass the scene, which can be quite dangerous, increasing the chance of experiencing a collision.

Text Messaging – Common term for sending short text messages from cell phones.