

DISTRACTED DRIVERS

Statistics show that nearly 90 percent of motorist rated drivers talking on cell phones as a somewhat or very serious threat to their personal safety, and over 95 percent felt this way about drivers texting or emailing. Don't touch that dial—adjust seat positions, climate controls, sound systems, & other devices before you leave or while the vehicle is stopped.



- ◆ Stop to eat or drink
- ◆ Pull over to a safe place to talk on the phone, text message or email.

- ◆ Plan ahead—check directions and traffic conditions before you leave, so you'll be prepared for your journey.
- ◆ Don't multitask and drive.
- ◆ Pull over to care for children.



Seatbelts....Your Single Most Effective Safety Step

- Seat belts reduce the risk of injuries by 50%. Especially, those in the front seat can avoid the risk of getting seriously injured, if they wear seat belts.
- Children under age 8 **MUST** be properly buckled into an appropriate car seat or booster in the back seat.
- Everyone in the car must be properly buckled up. For each child under 16 who is not properly secured, parents or drivers can be fined more than \$475 & get a point on their driving record.
- Seat belt safety is for drivers & passengers. It has been found that 6 out of 10 children, worldwide, who died in car accidents could have been saved, if they had been wearing seat belts.
- Seat belts help in distributing the shock, caused due to instant braking or inertia, over the entire body.



The City of Laguna Niguel
and the
Orange County Sheriff's Department

Traffic Safety

Driving is a privilege

A driver's license gives you a certain level of freedom, but it also gives you an enormous amount of responsibility.

When behind the wheel this responsibility comes in many forms:

- ◆ **Wearing safety belt**
- ◆ **Driving sober**
- ◆ **Focusing on the road**
- ◆ **Driving defensively**

For more information contact the Laguna Niguel Police Services at (949) 362-4346



Driving Under the Influence

What constitutes drunk driving?

You don't have to be drunk to be guilty of DUI in California. Under California law, DUI means either

- Driving while "under the influence" of alcohol and/or drugs (legal or illegal), or
- Driving with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Possible consequences of 1st & 2nd convictions can include fines and penalties as well as serious jail time and possible alcohol related treatment programs.



Take lights & sirens seriously.

Pull to the right.

It's the law!

Everyday police, fire and ambulance vehicles respond to urgent calls. Precious time lost getting there could mean the difference between life & death.

Reacting to an Approaching Emergency Vehicle

– What to Do???

- ◆ On a multi lane highway, slow down, signal & move to the right. Pull as close to the right side of the roadway & stop when safe to do so.
- ◆ On a one or two lane road, signal & move to the right. Pull as close to the right edge of the road, clear of any intersection, & stop.
- ◆ Traffic in an intersection or approaching from all directions must yield to an emergency vehicle until it passes through the intersection. Never block the intersection.



Always remember...

Stay alert. Avoid distractions. Keep the noise level down in your vehicle.

Use your signals to alert other drivers you intend to pull over. Check your rear-view mirrors, look in front & on both sides of your vehicle.

Do not drive on or block the shoulder on free-ways. Wait for the emergency vehicle(s) to pass. Check to make sure the way is clear and signal before merging back into traffic.

It is illegal to follow a fire vehicle or ambulance responding to a call, within 300 feet.

