



## Grade 4 through 8 Helpers

- We will discuss:
- 1. - Distracted Driving recognition when traveling in a vehicle..
- 2. - Discuss Mobility Skills/Tools such as Eye Scanning, Situation Awareness and Blind Spot Recognition etc.
- 3. - Seat Belt Use – Critical...

## Introduction In School...

- Why would we be here talking about distracted driving and mobility? It's all about safety...
- The PROBLEM – Recent research shows; At least 75% of new drivers drive with the same distracted driving habits and behavior they learned from watching “parents” driving, as they grew up. This is not a good thing...
- School students, grades 4 thru 8 are key, to help make some needed safety changes...

## Awareness of the Problem

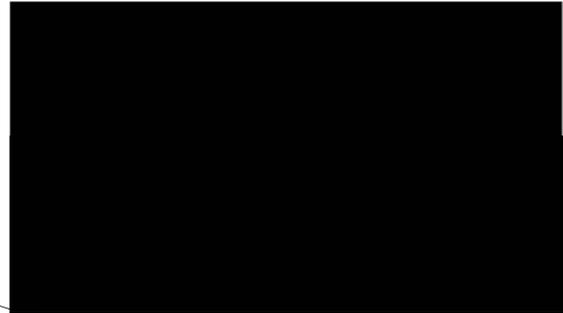
- Distracted Driving is causing increased problems for pre-driving age children, both inside vehicles and as pedestrians.
- Sadly, injuries and fatalities for pedestrians, cyclists, skate boarders, runners etc., are all on the increase.
- Why? Because of distracted drivers.

### Solutions

- While traveling inside a vehicle, younger children aged between 8 and 14 need to be able to Recognize Distracted Driving when they see it – Education can help.
- Examples of Distracted Driving?? Help please students... "You HAVE to see them first" .....
- Video for PSA1 is Next.



### PSA One



### Solutions

- If you see distracted driving, while you are a passenger in a moving vehicle. We hope you can say something to the driver and ask them to make the situation safer.
- A good reason to use: Say this is something you learned in school today.



### Solutions

- It is sometimes difficult to talk to an adult who is not your parent about their distracted driving. (A Friends Parent or Another Friend, School bus driver etc.
- If you don't want to say anything to that person, please say something to one of your parents about this problem when you get home. Hopefully they will call the person to discuss your concerns...



## Solutions

- If it is your own parent who is driving distracted. If you're comfortable, tell them at the time you are in the car. (Reason - We learned this in school)
- BUT - No arguing. If in doubt, wait until you get home. Arguing while driving is a driving distraction too.



## Solutions

- OR - speak to your other parent or another adult you trust (teacher, family friend), as soon as you can. Please make sure you tell somebody!
- Video - PDZ Middle School Mobility from the Middle School Chapter. This is all now applicable to grades 4 thru 8 which includes elementary.



## Chapter 25 - Mobility Curriculum



## Define Another Problem..

- Unfortunately, more and more drivers are Driving Distracted in slow traffic areas. This could be mall parking lots, smaller parking lots, coming down driveways, school zones, close to traffic signals etc...I'm finding Students want to participate freely.
- SO, it is very important for you to see or hear them, before they become a problem to you. You will never win as a pedestrian, in a collision with a 6,000lb SUV.



## Solution...

- Children Grade 4 thru 8 can be taught skills that can keep them safer as they are out and about on the streets and as they get older. - These skills are explained in The Parent Driving Zone and The Driving Zone 2 which are both on the same DVD.
- A Reminder - All this applies whether you are walking, riding a bicycle, skate boarding, running, playing in the street etc.



## Solutions

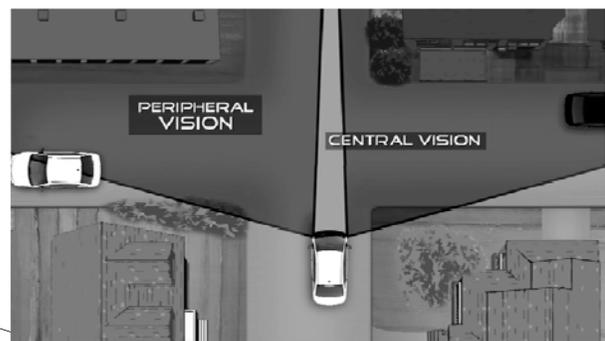
- We will now discuss some Safety TOOLS:
- Eye Scanning,
- Situation Awareness,
- Low Eyes,
- Keeping your ears open,
- Blind Spot recognition,
- Anticipation and many more.
- Video Clips....



## Situation Awareness



## Central & Peripheral Vision



### Eye Scanning



### Chapter 14 –Dangerous & Vulnerable



### Chapter 34- Anticipation



### Discuss VIDEO Clips...

- What you just saw are the same skills you can use on your bicycle and skate board or even walking down the street.
- If you see your two friends are looking at their phones as they walk, you make sure you are the “look out” to help keep them safe.
- “Driving a bicycle” is used by driver education teachers....



## Solutions

- Safety NOTE:
- Always use safety equipment while on your bicycle or skate board if you have it.
- It can save you from injuries and on occasion save your life.



## Solutions – Seat Belt use...

- One of the most important things you can do as a passenger in a vehicle is to wear your seat belt.
- Also, please make sure to encourage everyone else in the vehicle to wear their seat belt too. (Why is important for ALL to wear them? Loose Passenger Impacts)



## Parents Need Help Too

- There is a very good chance that you will be thinking. Oh, this is my parents. So, we need to help them...
- Your parents have grown through the biggest change in technology the world has ever seen. When your parents learned to drive they were not told about distracted driving, because it was not really the huge issue it is today. Why? Because there were no Smart Phones or Infotainment Systems in vehicles or iPods!!!



## Parents Need Help Too

- We must give parents a break. Most parents were never taught about any of this, so they just never think about it. So, we can help them now.
- Remember students - ALWAYS wear your seat belts when you are traveling in a vehicle and make sure everyone else does too.



## Grade 4 to 8 Evaluations

- I have been doing evaluation forms with elementary and middle school students on this for over a year.
- Blanks are contained at [www.theparentdrivingzone.com](http://www.theparentdrivingzone.com).



## Evaluation Form

Evaluation Form 2 - is a general form used to evaluate the understanding of Grade 4 thru 8 students regarding distracted driving issues that directly affect them.

Grade 4 thru 8 General Survey			
	Yes	No	N/A*
1. Do you ever get into a vehicle with a parent or adult who makes sure you wear your seat belt and does NOT wear theirs?			
2. Have you ever seen your school bus driver texting while driving?			
3. While walking along or riding your bicycle, have you ever almost been hit by a vehicle, maybe coming down a driveway or in a parking lot, that you saw was driven by a distracted driver?			
4. Do you travel in a vehicle with a parent or adult who regularly TEXTS or TYPES or READS on their smartphone while driving?			
5. Do you travel in a vehicle with a parent or adult who are often driving while talking on the phone, hands free phone call or hand held phone? (They are both equally distracting)			
6. Do you ever feel nervous or even a little scared when driving with a parent or other adult, because they are obviously driving distracted?			
7. Do you travel in a vehicle with a parent or adult who frequently travel very close to a vehicle in front (tailgating) to the point that it makes you nervous or uncomfortable?			
8. Do you travel in a vehicle with a parent or adult who runs through red lights sometimes?			
9. Do you travel in a vehicle with a parent or adult who gets frustrated and shouts at or complains about other drivers?			

\* N/A not applicable

IMPORTANT NOTE: If teachers have completed evaluation forms, please email [andy@andypilgrim.com](mailto:andy@andypilgrim.com) to let me know. I will respond with details of how I can receive the results and the forms at no cost to you, thank you.



## Inciting Parents??

- Grade 4 thru 8 School Students can help parents stay on mission/change by bringing up distracted driving when they see it; usually it's in their own parents.
- This is a very positive and inclusive initiative thing with parents and children working together.

