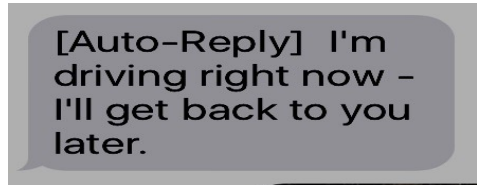




## Apple Software Release iOS 11 Now with Tools to Reduce Phone Use While Driving

### Smartphones offer a valuable tool for drivers

Apple's newly released iOS 11 contains a useful tool for drivers. While driving, notifications will be blocked. This software update has the potential to prevent automobile accidents. Samsung has a similar function (pictured) for their newer smart phones.



The software identifies if you are traveling and will block all incoming calls and text messages, replying to contacts that you are driving a vehicle. Customizations can be made, and the function can also be disabled.

Parents with teenagers, or companies with driving employees have the ability to add this as a permanent restriction to their phones under the Restriction Settings. For more information visit: <https://www.motoringresearch.com/car-news/iphone-do-not-disturb-while-driving/>

**Distracted driving** has become a major issue of late. During the last several years it has been responsible for the following sobering statistics:

Source: <a href="https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov">https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov</a>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Distracted Driving Deaths	3,092	3,331	3,328	3,154	3,179	3,477
All Motor Vehicle Deaths	32,999	32,479	33,782	32,894	32,744	35,092
Distracted Driving Injuries	416,000	387,000	421,000	424,000	431,000	391,000
All Motor Vehicle Injuries	2,239,000	2,217,000	2,362,000	2,313,000	2,338,000	2,443,000

Visit the sites listed below for more information about distracted driving.

National Highway Transportation Safety Board:  
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving>

Center for Disease Control:  
[https://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/distracted\\_driving/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/distracted_driving/index.html)

World Health Organization:  
[http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/publications/road\\_traffic/distracted\\_driving/en/](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/road_traffic/distracted_driving/en/)

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6210a1.htm?s\\_cid=mm6210a1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6210a1.htm?s_cid=mm6210a1_w)

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