



# Toolkit



## THE POWER OF THE MOVEMENT

### **Mission**

Since 2010, AT&T's *It Can Wait* program has been a leader in raising awareness around the dangers of smartphone use while driving. Over these years, *It Can Wait* has launched several successful campaigns and virtual reality experiences, and collaborated with corporations and stakeholders to share this lifesaving message. These efforts have resulted in more than 40 million pledges – and counting- to not drive distracted.

AT&T's *It Can Wait* program continues to identify new ways to spread its message to new generations of drivers and smartphone users. To learn more, or join the movement, visit <a href="ItCanWait.com">ItCanWait.com</a> and follow <a href="@ItCanWait">@ItCanWait</a> on Twitter.

## The Distracted Driving Issue

Smartphone distracted driving has become more pervasive.<sup>1</sup>

- Nearly all those surveyed consider smartphone distracted driving to be dangerous.
   But nearly 9-in-10 people admit to doing it anyway.<sup>1</sup>
- It's so common that nearly a quarter of people don't see it as a major problem.¹
   But it is a problem.
- Over 50% of smartphone users admit to texting, posting on social media, surfing the net and even watching video while driving!
- Drivers video chatting and playing games is also on the rise, over 30% at the end of 2019.<sup>1</sup>
- Tens of thousands of people are injured and hundreds die every year due to smartphone distracted driving.<sup>2</sup>

Taking an action and speaking up can help reduce distracted driving. 1

- More than a third of drivers call distracted driving a habit.
- And a growing number say their smartphone has become essential for getting around.<sup>3</sup>
- However, more than half of people are more likely to stop driving distracted if a friend or passenger pressures them to.<sup>1</sup>

## **Distracted Driving Successes**

The *It Can Wait* movement does not stop at awareness — it drives people to make the choice to stop.

- Over the past decade, the *It Can Wait* program has encouraged employees, customers, and corporations to join the movement by taking the pledge to not drive distracted at <a href="ItCanWait.com">ItCanWait.com</a>.
- 48 states now have statewide legislation banning text while driving.
- Research on anti-texting legislature showed that states with statewide antitexting laws have lower rates of texting while driving, at a statistically significant level. <sup>4</sup>
- Tens of millions

  and counting

  pledges have been made by people to drive distracted.
  - Pledging matters and can make a difference. More than 70% of drivers who have pledged are keeping their commitment to not use their smartphones behind the wheel.<sup>1</sup>

### **Videos**



**360 Virtual Reality** 

**Experience** 





Teens React to Texting and Driving (Distracted Driving)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Online survey with 624 respondents conducted by Added Value. Ongoing survey, data represented here were collected July 2019-September 2019. National panel sample (ages 15-54, drive, and have a smartphone).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Distracted Driving 2015 Report, Table 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Research commissioned by AT&T, and Braun Research. A 10-minute online survey was fielded among a nationally representative sample of 2081 American drivers. Additional information can be found here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Source: http://about.att.com/innovationblog/041116antitextinglaw



### **LOGOS**



#### **Emblem with Globe AT&T Lockup**

#### **Guidelines:**

Our preferred Emblem without Globe used in combination with Globe AT&T lockup should always be your first choice when choosing logos. Make sure to keep both elements equally sized within your layout.



#### **Emblem with Globe**

#### **Guidelines:**

Guidelines: In situations where space or design limitations prevent the use of the Emblem with Globe AT&T lockup, use the Emblem with Globe asset. This can also be used if there is already an AT&T globe logo located nearby.



#### It Can Wait with Globe

#### **Guidelines:**

In communications with very limited space, use the *It Can Wait* with Globe asset. This is not preferred.

## It Can Wait History

#### 2009

#### September

At the Detroit Economic Club, AT&T Chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson announced AT&T's commitment to address this issue through an initiative to communicate to wireless consumers, especially youth, on the dangers of texting behind the wheel.

#### 2010

#### March

"Texting & Driving, It Can Wait" program launched in 2010 to deliver a simple yet vital message to all wireless users: When it comes to texting and driving, no text is worth a life. *It Can Wait*.

#### December

AT&T's *It Can Wait*, "The Last Text" was launched, a 10-minute documentary featuring real people negatively impacted by texting and driving.

#### 2011

#### **September**

AT&T DriveMode is launched on Android to help curb smartphone use behind the wheel.

#### 2012

#### July

The *It Can Wait* campaign works with American Idol to film PSA's showcasing their support of the campaign.

#### August

AT&T calls on America's drivers to pledge to never text and drive and launches www.itcanwait.com.

#### September

AT&T declared September 19, 2012, National "No Text on Board Pledge Day," with 70+ local events and a national event in DC, within days *It Can Wait* reached 1M pledges to not text and drive.

#### 2013

#### **January**

At CES, AT&T announced plans to expand partners in 2013 and making safe-driving technology more widely available.

#### May

T-Mobile, Sprint, Verizon Wireless join the campaign uniting the major carriers for *It Can Wait* campaign; announcement of new ad campaign from carriers, retail presence, expanded simulator national tour and more. Commitment from 1,500-plus companies.

#### **August**

The documentary, "From One Second to the Next" directed by Werner Herzog was launched in collaboration with T-Mobile, Sprint, and Verizon.

#### September

- "Drive 4 Pledges Day" marked the second annual pledge day for *It Can Wait*, with more than 2,000 activities nationwide, a flurry of social activity, nearly 700 state and local proclamations issued, and over 200K pledges captured.
- The *It Can Wait* message was shared in more than 1,500 at high schools, with 450 AT&T employees participating in 130 registered events.
- More than 85 celebrities including Tim McGraw, Ellen DeGeneres, Ryan Seacrest, Paula Abdul and Carly Rae Jepsen encouraged their fans on social media to take the pledge.

#### **December**

It Can Wait reaches 4 million pledge milestone.

#### 2014

#### **January**

FL, IL and TX departments of transportation show a positive correlation between the *It Can Wait* movement and projected reductions in traffic crashes caused by texting while driving.

#### July

It Can Wait <u>announced</u> five million pledges, more than a million apps downloaded, and the launch of #X.

#### 2015

#### May

*It Can Wait* released new research that shows that nearly 4-in-10 smartphone users tap into social media while driving, 3-in-10 surf the net and 1-in-10 video chat. The campaign expanded from a focus on texting while driving to include other smartphone driving distractions.

#### July

- <u>Launch</u> of new virtual reality experience that stimulates potentially deadly consequences of smartphone use while driving.
- Released *Close to Home* to showcase other smartphone driving distractions besides texting.

#### September

Worked with ESPN to share the <u>story</u> of Fletcher Cleaves, a college student with a football scholarship whose life changed when a car drifted into his lane due to smartphone use and driving.

#### October

<u>Introduced</u> *It Can Wait* to Mexico with Puede Esperar campaign, based on research that 92% of urban Mexicans engage in smartphone use while driving.

#### 2016

#### **April**

Data shows that states with statewide anti-texting laws have lower rates of texting while driving – at a statistically significant level.

#### August

*It Can Wait* reaches 10 million pledges and commits to reaching 16 million pledges by the end of 2016.

#### **September**

Launch of <u>21-Day Challenge</u>, encouraging those who struggle with the dangerous habit of distracted driving to put away their phones while driving for 21 consecutive days to break the habit.

#### 2017

#### **April**

Launch of <u>#TagYourHalf</u> campaign during Distracted Driving Awareness Month, challenging social followers to tag their better half with the *It Can Wait* message. This campaign was derived from recent AT&T research that showed 57% of people are more likely to stop driving distracted if a friend or passenger pressures them to.

#### 2017

#### June

Texas bans texting while driving leaving only three states to not have signed similar legislation.

#### September

The It Can Wait campaign reaches its 20M pledge milestone.

#### 2018

#### **April**

- New research from AT&T shows 81% of people admit to texting behind the wheel.
- AT&T's *It Can Wait* <u>launches</u> a new virtual reality experience to bring the public face-to-face with the dangers of distracted driving and real-life stories of its consequences.
- The *It Can Wait* program <u>supported</u> it's Distracted Driving Awareness Month message, **No Distraction is worth a future**, by collaborating with award-winning filmmaker Errol Morris on two new ads. The spots shine a light on the faces of two distracted driving victims and what they would've looked like today.

#### **November**

The program <u>expands</u> its anti-distracted driving message beyond the car, partnering with Bird Scooters on an online spot showing what can happen if you decide to "scoot distracted."

#### 2019

#### **April**

- Research shows a sharp rise in the consumption of immersive content behind the wheel.
- In <u>collaboration</u> with award-winning director, Kathryn Bigelow, the program produced a new advertisement that gives a glimpse into a future, with a reminder that the fight to end distracted driving is not over.

#### July

AT&T's *It Can Wait* supports <u>Project Yellow Light</u>, a leading scholarship competition that calls students to create a TV, radio or billboard PSA to help educate their peers about the dangers of distracted driving.

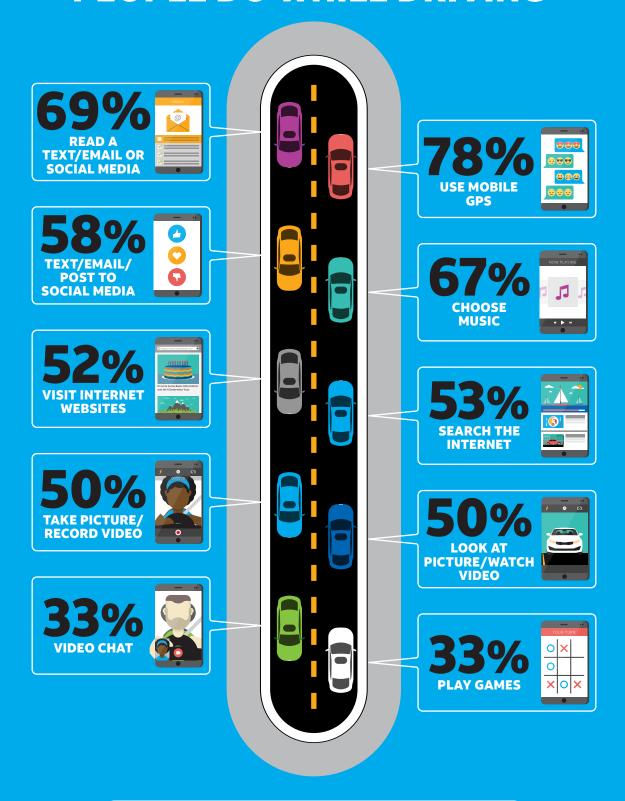
#### September

<u>Collaborations</u> with the Dallas Cowboys, General Motors, Swift Transportation and various celebrities to encourage employees and consumers to speak up about the dangers of distracted driving.

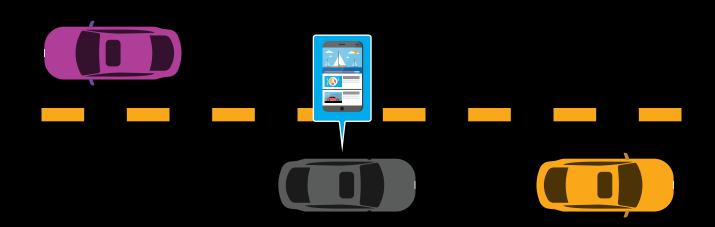
#### 2020

It Can Wait celebrates 10 years of the program.

## TOP TEN SMARTPHONE ACTIVITIES PEOPLE DO WHILE DRIVING<sup>1</sup>



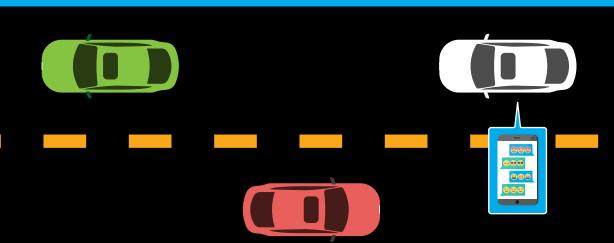




## **MORE THAN**

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OF DRIVERS CALL DISTRACTED DRIVING A HABIT.<sup>1</sup>



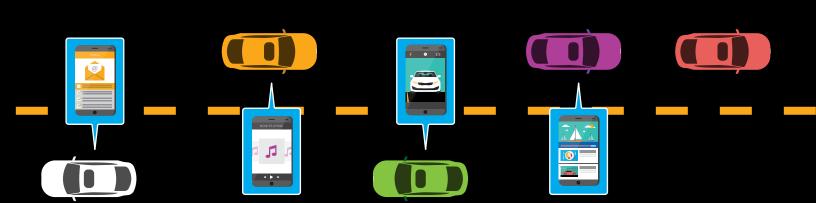




## **NEARLY**

## 9 IN 10

PEOPLE ADMIT TO USING THEIR SMARTPHONE BEHIND THE WHEEL!





## 95%

## OF PEOPLE KNOW DISTRACTED DRIVING IS DANGEROUS!





