

# Test Your Knowledge

## Texting and Driving

1. Answer each question.
2. Check your answers on the back.
3. See how well you scored.

Questions:

1. Texting while driving increases the risk of accidents, because your eyes are away from the road from 4 to 6 seconds. At a speed of 90 km/h, how much distance is covered while you are looking away from the road?

- Approximately **50 metres**     Approximately **80 metres**  
 Approximately **110 metres**

2. Texting at the wheel is allowed when your vehicle is stopped at a red light or stuck in traffic.

- True**     **False**

3. You are allowed to hold a cell phone in your hand while driving, as long as it isn't used to talk or text.

- True**     **False**

4. How much more likely are you to be involved in an accident while texting at the wheel than while not texting?

- 15 times** more likely     **23 times** more likely  
 **28 times** more likely

5. To text safely, you are allowed to park anywhere on the road network.

- True**     **False**

6. Browsing the Web while driving is prohibited, even if you use a device that does not have a telephone function, like an iPod or tablet.

- True**     **False**

7. Your licence can be immediately suspended if you are served more than one statement of offence for texting and driving within a two-year period.

- True**     **False**

# Answers

## 1. Approximately 110 metres

This is the length of a football field!

## 2. False

If you bring your vehicle to a stop for road signs, traffic signals or traffic obstructions, you are still considered to be driving. You are therefore not allowed to hold any electronic devices.

## 3. False

Drivers holding a cell phone in their hand, or in any other manner, are presumed to be using it. Simply handling this type of device while driving, regardless of use, is an offence. Reading or writing text messages and emails or browsing the Web is also prohibited while driving a vehicle.

## 4. 23 times more likely

A study conducted by a team from Virginia Tech in the United States has concluded that heavy vehicle drivers who text while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident.

## 5. False

If you have to use your cell phone, stop in a place where parking is authorized.



### Are you tempted to text at the wheel?

- Use a mobile application to block incoming calls and text messages while you are driving.
- Turn off your device before getting behind the wheel.
- If you have to use your device, stop in a place where parking is authorized.
- You can ask passengers in the vehicle to answer calls, read or write text messages for you.

## 6. True

Browsing the Web with a device that is not equipped with a telephone function is also prohibited under section 443.1 of the *Highway Safety Code*. The law applies to all portable electronic devices, including phones, digital tablets, media players (music, video, etc.), laptops and GPS devices.

## 7. True

Using a cell phone or another portable electronic device, or consulting a display screen without complying with the rules for its installation and use, or handling such devices in any way, while driving, automatically leads to:

**a fine:**

- First offence: \$300 to \$600
- Repeat offence (within a two-year period): \$600

**immediate licence suspension in the case of a repeat offence (within a two-year period):**

- First repeat offence: 3 days
- Second repeat offence: 7 days
- Third repeat offence: 30 days

**5 demerit points**

## Score

### From 6 to 7 right answers

**WAY TO GO!** You're a responsible driver and you know that texting and driving is dangerous and prohibited.

### From 4 to 5 right answers

**CAUTION!** You have a good understanding of the problem of texting and driving, but still need to learn a bit more about certain important aspects of the issue.

### Three right answers or less

**WARNING!** You need to learn more about the dangers and legal consequences of texting and driving.

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