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## National Distracted Driving Month: Focus on This Growing Epidemic

What is the common factor in these recent Indianapolis-area accidents?

- A driving instructor was killed when a truck slammed into the rear of his car. Phone records show that the truck driver had been texting shortly before the accident.



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....continued from page 1 **National Distracted Driving....**

- A truck crashes into a tree in a one-vehicle collision. The driver allegedly was distracted and had to be extricated from his truck.
- A driver reaches for a cup of coffee and strays into the median. Overcorrecting, she crashes head-on into a car in the opposite lane, causing a 3-car accident with one fatality.

In each case the at-fault driver allegedly was distracted and doing tasks other than focusing on driving.

### **Distracted Driving - A Deadly Epidemic**

Every day 8 people die and 1,161 are injured in the U.S. in accidents that involve a distracted driver (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - CDC). These are not small numbers, especially for accidents that can be prevented.

Usually one thinks of cellphone use, especially texting, as distracted driving. But any activity that distracts the driver from the task of driving is a distraction including talking to passengers, eating or drinking, adjusting music controls and using GPS navigation.

There are 3 ways that a driver can be distracted:

- Visual - when your eyes are not on the road
- Manual - your hands are not on the wheel
- Cognitive - when you are thinking of something other than driving

Texting while driving is the worst distraction because it involves all 3 distraction types. Here's a scary fact: Moving at 55 mph, an average text takes enough time to cover a football field - without looking at the road!

***Texting while driving is illegal in Indiana for all drivers.*** This includes sending and receiving texts and even just glancing at a device to read a text.

### **April is National Distracted Driving Month**

The National Safety Council designates April as National Distracted Driving Month to heighten awareness of this deadly practice.

This is a great time to reinforce the dangers of distracted driving with your teenage drivers. Have a serious, uninterrupted discussion on your expectations and what the law requires. Here are some resources that can help:

- Indiana distracted driving information and tips
- Distraction.gov facts and a pledge for teens

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If you or a loved one has been injured in a car accident or in any type of personal injury, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **1-800-278-9200** for your initial free consultation. The Sevenish Law Firm, injury attorney in Indianapolis, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for an accident or any personal injury case.

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## Happy One Year Anniversary Meghan from Sevenish Law.



### Recipe of the Month Citrus Baked Fish

Here's a delicious variation to your next fish dish.

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 lb fish (cod, haddock, walleye)
- salt
- pepper

#### Directions

1. In small pan, melt butter, add juices.
2. Spray 13x9 pan with cooking spray.
3. Place fish in pan. Salt & pepper to taste.
4. Pour butter-juice mixture over fish.
5. Bake 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until easily flakes with fork.



*Recipe courtesy of food.com*

## Happy Spring



## What's Happening in Indianapolis

### Apr 1 - 2

Motown The Musical  
Murat Theatre  
Indianapolis, IN  
<http://indianapolis.broadway.com/showvs/motown-musical/>

### Apr 15

Easter Weekend in Indianapolis  
Indianapolis Zoo  
Indianapolis, IN  
<http://indianapolis.eventful.com/events/easter-weekend-/E0-001-099704472-3>

### Apr 15

Hop to the Prop for an Easter Egg Hunt!  
Indianapolis Propylaeum  
Indianapolis, IN  
<http://indianapolis.eventful.com/events/hop-prop-easter-egg-hunt-/E0-001-097467965-4>

### Apr 29

Tim McGraw & Faith Hill  
Bankers Life Fieldhouse  
Indianapolis, IN  
<http://indianapolis.eventful.com/events/tim-mcgraw-faith-hill-/E0-001-096950590-2>

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### May 18

Red Hot Chili Peppers  
Bankers Life Fieldhouse  
Indianapolis, IN  
<http://indianapolis.eventful.com/events/red-hot-chili-peppers-/E0-001-097666644-1>

### May 20

Chalk Festival  
Garfield Park Conservatory  
Indianapolis, IN  
<http://indianapolis.eventful.com/events/chalk-festival-/E0-001-097971858-7>

### May 18

Leann Rimes  
The Palladium at Center for the Performing Arts  
Carmel, IN  
<http://indianapolis.eventful.com/events/leann-rimes-/E0-001-097920514-4>

### May 26

Neil Diamond  
Bankers Life Fieldhouse  
Indianapolis, IN  
<http://indianapolis.eventful.com/events/neil-diamond-/E0-001-098201629-4>

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