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## 97% OF CONSUMERS THINK DISTRACTED DRIVERS ARE A TOP SAFETY CONCERN TODAY

ACCORDING TO NEW KELLEY BLUE BOOK SURVEY

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Of those surveyed, 91 % are aware of current local laws pertaining to texting while driving. In addition, approximately 81 % of respondents believe Millennials between the ages of 19-34 text most often of all age groups while driving.

Distracted driving beat out impaired drivers on the road at 75 % of respondents, followed by road rage at just over half of respondents and weather conditions at 35% of respondents citing it as one of the biggest safety concerns impacting today's drivers.

Key Highlights from Kelley Blue Book's Texting and Driving Survey :

- 97 % of total respondents selected "distracted drivers on the road (e.g. people texting or talking on cell phones)" as one of the biggest safety concerns impacting today's drivers.
- 91 % report being aware of current local laws pertaining to texting while driving. On average, total respondents think 41 % of drivers text while driving.
- 66 % of all respondents think, of all age groups, 19-25 year olds text most often while driving, followed by 26-34 year olds and 15-18 year olds, respectively, at 15 % each.
- 20 % of total respondents indicate texting while driving, while 55 % of Millennials (respondents between the ages of 18-34) report texting while driving.

Of all respondents with children between the ages of 15-18 living in their household that currently drive:

- 30 % know or suspect their children of engaging in texting while driving.
- 42 % know or suspect their children of talking on a cell phone (not using a hands-free method)

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