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Driver distraction and inattention

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Number of victims due to driver distraction (generally)

Approximately 11% of all fatal and serious accidents

The Czech Traffic Police register only accidents with a **distraction effect in general**, but not with a mobile phone distraction in particular.





Share of drivers phoning by driving





Number of offences due to phoning by driving

Phoning has a larger share in offences of women not men, but these numbers are gradually approaching, and in 2020 this share reached 17 % of all offences of women than men







Czech In-depth Accident Study (CzIDAS)

Data from In-depth Accident Analysis

- provide a comprehensive view of all the factors related to a particular accident,
- serve to identify the characteristics leading to the crash occurrence and affect its consequences.

The in-depth accident investigation teams document all relevant information on

- traffic environment
- vehicles
- human factor

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Inattention risk factors

Inattention – one of the most frequent factors contributing to the accident occurrence

Classification of inattention causes (based on psychologist interview)

The most frequent inattention risk factors (all road users)

- Overloading attention/multitasking 32 %
- **Distraction** (external and internal) 17 %
- Routine and monotonous ride

Age characteristics

- **Children** inattention insufficient ability to process large information flow from road traffic environment
- **Seniors** inattention due to overloading attention especially in comprehensive road situation more frequent intersection accidents

Vehicle – pedestrian accidents (vehicle driver 45 %, pedestrian 37 %)



Driver perception and reaction

Drivers perception and reaction could be affected by various factors

- Age
- Gender
- Inattention, etc.



Driver perception of critical situation in real road traffic



perceived the emergence of critical situation

not perceived the emergence of a critical situation



Using of mobile phone while driving

- Mobile phone use affects a wide spectrum of variables involved in safe driving (motoric aspect holding/manipulating, visual attention, auditory and cognitive aspects)
- Using mobile phone while driving: hands-free/hand-held
- Cognitive attention is influenced by phone conversation itself (including hands-free calls)
- Especially dangerous are comprehensive and emotionally demanding phone calls
- **CzIDAS data** focus on accident participants



17% of drivers use a mobile phone while driving (without hands-free)

of drivers use a mobile phone with hands-free while driving

of drivers use a mobile phone with or without hands-free while driving

Using mobile phone without handsfree

- Phone conversation (3 % often, 11 % rarely)
- Texting, etc. (17 % often, 6 % rarely)



Using of mobile phone while driving: age

Young drivers between 18-24 years use hands-free up to 2.5 times more often (46 %) than a group of drivers with age over 65 years (17.6% cases). Young drivers also use mobile phones more often than middle-aged drivers.

Young drivers (18-24 years old)

- use more frequently mobile phone while driving (with or without handsfree)
- less frequently use mobile phone only with handsfree

Senior drivers (more than 65 years old)

 less frequently use mobile phone while driving





Using of mobile phone while driving: milleage

Annual milleage

- The frequency of mobile phone usage rises with the increasing annual mileage.
- Drivers who drive more than 15.000 kilometres a year more likely use mobile phone while driving

Mileage per year	Not using	Handheld phone	Handling phone
< 15.000	++	0	0
15.000-60.000	0	0	+
>60.000		+	0





Using of mobile phone while driving: personal habits

Personal characteristics:

- Driving style the tendency to risk (risky drivers, aggressive driving style) is related to more frequent use of mobile phone
- Driving skills self-assessment higher self-assessment of driving skills is related to more frequent use of mobile phone

The typical user of mobile phone while driving has a tendency to risky driving and considers himself an excellent driver



Using of mobile phone while driving: vehicle

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of modern vehicle – more safety feautures: active/passive systems)

- Drivers of older vehicles (manufacture year up to 1995: 78 % do not use mobile phone while driving, manufacture year up to 2000 (1995 - 2000): 64 % do not use mobile phone while driving,
- Drivers of modern vehicles manufacture year 2016 -2020: 30 % do not use mobile phone while driving)

Vehicle type: minimalisation of hand-held mobile phone use by increase of in-vehicle systems including integrated hands-free







Thank you for your attention

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