



# ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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## Distracted Driving: A Killer!

### THE THREE TYPES OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

		
<b>VISUAL</b>	<b>MANUAL</b>	<b>COGNITIVE</b>
		
<p>Keep your eyes on the road.</p> <p>Pull over to read directions.</p> <p>Put your phone in "Do Not Disturb" mode.</p>	<p>Keep your phone out of reach.</p> <p>Make all adjustments before driving.</p> <p>Don't reach for items while driving.</p>	<p>Avoid phone calls, even hands-free.</p> <p>Stay focused on the road.</p> <p>Keep your emotions in check.</p>

Many ILA members at several ports continue to press the ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) to take strong action in deterring other workers from using cellphones while they're actively operating any powered vehicle.

The JSC would like to take more affirmative action, but the Labor/Management Resolution that formed The JSC does not provide that level of empowerment.

We can, however, provide advice (*See* above) and extoll terminal operators, local unions and local port joint safety/accident review committees to establish and enforce vehicular traffic rules that will help preserve the lives of all waterfront workers. In the end, those entities do have the power to save lives. We strongly encourage them to try harder.

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: [blueoceana@optonline.net](mailto:blueoceana@optonline.net)

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