

AD WHY WE ARE... #handsfreeforabbie

April 22, 2015. A monumental day. The last day of clinical rotations for 5 beautiful, brilliant, Georgia Southern Nursing Students. A delay on I-16 at 5:45am became one of the most horrific tragedies in Georgia History. A 7-vehicle wreck caused the tragic loss of 5 Georgia Southern Nursing Students. At that moment, their life story ended and the nation felt the heartache.

The driver who claimed 5 lives while injuring many more was texting while driving.

As a result a tremendous effort was made to enact the Georgia Hands Free Law. Effective July 1, 2018, pursuant to 40-6-241(c), all drivers operating a motor vehicle on any highway of this state are prohibited from:

Holding or supporting, with any part of the body, a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device. Writing, sending or reading any text-based communication, including a text message, instant message, e-mail or internet data. Watching, recording, or broadcasting a video or movie.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Take the pledge

The fight to end distracted driving starts with you. Make the commitment to drive phone-free today.

- Protect lives by never texting or talking on the phone while driving.
- Be a good passenger and speak out if the driver in my car is distracted.
- Encourage my friends and family to drive phone-free.

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