

RISK MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

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Distracted and Drowsy Driving—Don't Get Caught in the Risk Zone!

It is broadcast in the news, but is it something we watch out for? Distracted driving is not just about texting and driving (although that is a major cause of motor vehicle accidents). Eating, talking on the phone, adjusting the radio, and watching activities outside the vehicle are a few items that distract drivers and take their concentration away while behind the wheel.

Not only are the driver and passengers at risk, but other vehicles and pedestrians are in danger when a driver does not focus on driving and driving conditions. Another hazard that is not mentioned often but is no less dangerous is drowsy driving. Many times people do not know how tired they are until they get behind the wheel, turn on the air conditioner, and listen to enjoyable music. The problem is compounded when activities the day and night before have left the driver tired and lacking enough sleep. Both distracted and drowsy driving are hazards of day-to-day life *and* life in Scouting. Don't get caught in the Risk Zone!



The BSA's Risk Management Team has provided materials that address the hazards of distracted and drowsy driving in a roundtable presentation, ***The Risk Zone, Transporting Scouts Safely***. This roundtable material is located under the training section of Scouting Safely on the BSA's website, www.scouting.org. The information can be used for an educational and informal training session for all leaders and parents. The kit includes presentation materials for the facilitator that provide information on how to prevent distracted and drowsy driving as well as towing trailers, multi-passenger (vans and SUVs) vehicle driving characteristics, and other worthwhile information! There is a quiz, driver's pledge, and posters to use for the presentation and reminders afterward.

Encourage all leaders and parents to participate in the training session because the information is not limited to Scouting. It's a valuable tool for everyday life. **The direct link to *The Risk Zone, Transporting Scouts Safely* is: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/632-006_WB.pdf.**

ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

August 3-9

Philmont Training Center
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Scholarships are available to the **2014 Enterprise Risk Management Conference** at Philmont Training Center! If a member of the local council's enterprise risk management, health and safety, or risk management committee is interested in attending this summer, with Scout executive approval, the Risk Management Department will pay the registration conference fee of \$470. The offer is good for two members of the committee but only for the first 25 who apply. Slots fill up quickly, so do not delay if you are interested! The conference week is August 3-9. Contact Phillip Moore in the Risk Management Department if interested.

