

# Measures against Cell Phone use, etc. while Driving (Including Measures against “using "Smartphone" while driving”)

In recent years, the number of traffic accidents has been decreasing and the number of fatalities in 2016 was under 4,000 for the first time in 67 years, but the traffic accidents caused by using cell phones, etc. while driving have been on the rise. There were 1,999 cases in 2016, which is about 1.6 times as compared to 5 years ago (2011).

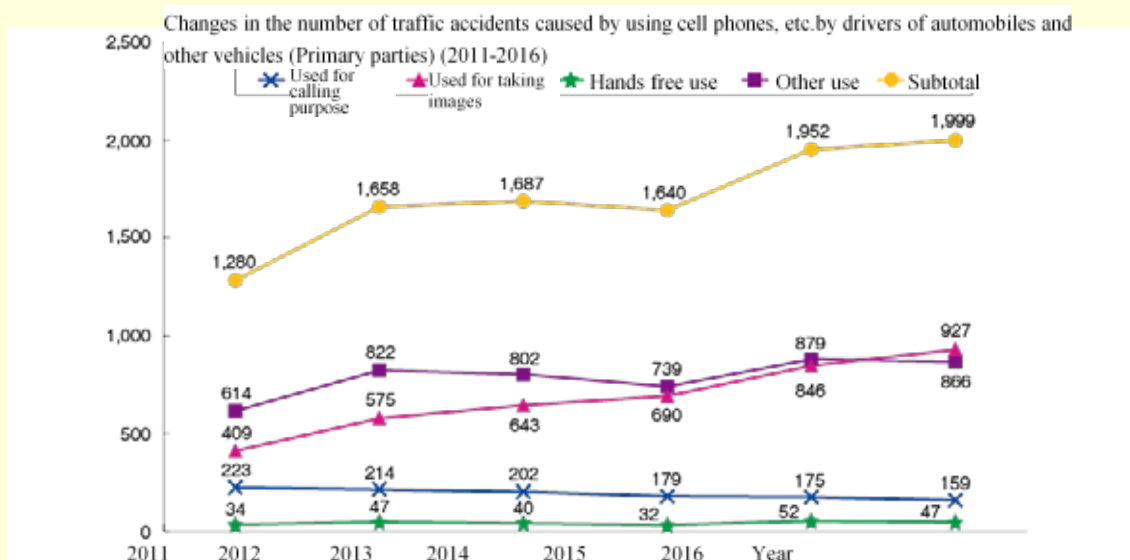
Especially, the traffic accidents caused due to gazing at the screen of a smart phone have been increasing by about 2.3 times.

Since using cell phones, etc. while driving is an extremely dangerous behaviour that could cause a serious traffic accident, the police are promoting publicity campaigns for drivers, etc. in cooperation with related agencies and organizations and are reinforcing traffic enforcement on violations related to using cell phones, etc.

Relevant ministries and agencies, in cooperation with local public bodies, concerned authorities and groups, are jointly working to promote overall measures such as call for action on the safety measures for the gaming industry group; for the industry group related to the car transport, a thorough observance of the documents on the prohibition of using cellular phones while working; execution of strict audit and disposal, for the transportation business operator when it becomes clear that the driver had used the cellular phone while working.



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		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
The Number of traffic accidents	Accident factor	Used for calling	223	214	202	179	175	159
		Used for image	409	575	643	690	846	927
		Hands free used	34	47	40	32	52	47
		Other operations	614	822	802	739	879	866
	Subtotal	1,280	1,658	1,687	1,640	1,952	1,999	
	Not using cell phones etc.	654,068	628,675	594,605	542,192	507,527	472,184	
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Total		655,967	630,725	596,658	544,279	510,050	474,776	

Note 1. "Used for calling" means to use the concerned device to transmit information by the voice such as cell phones (Hands free used is excluded).

2. "Used for image" means gazing at the image display part of a cell phone and performing the button operation for the same purpose.

3. "Hands free used" means to operate or talk with a hands-free device together with a cellular phone etc (Taxi radio is included)

4. "Other operation" means operations related to cell phones other than the above-mentioned.