

NEWS

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Issues Latest Distracted Driving Statistics

We wrote last year about the alarming trend of accidents being caused by distracted drivers and New York's legislative response to the problem. We return to that point with some additional statistics that demonstrate the need for more stringent vehicle and traffic laws and increased driver awareness. For example, in 2008, over 515,000 people were injured in motor vehicle accidents due to distracted drivers and 5,870 people died. Remember, distracted driving encompasses drivers using cell phones, ipods, or any other electronic devices while driving. For more information, please visit www.nhtsa.gov.

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FEATURED CASE

BROWN CHIARI^{LLP} files suit on behalf of Estate of bicyclist

We have filed suit on behalf of the Estate of Kevin Johnson stemming from a July 2011 accident. Johnson was riding his bicycle on 17th Street in Niagara Falls when he and the bicycle fell into a huge open construction excavation. He sustained serious personal injuries and death. We contend that the contractor hired by the City of Niagara Falls negligently failed to guard, barricade, or securely cover the hole. Johnson is survived by his wife and children. The case was filed in Niagara County Supreme Court.