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3. 노영훈
4. 동예림
5. 류태용



## Texting while walking is dangerous

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Reading or writing text messages while you are walking is dangerous. A new study says it is more dangerous than texting while driving. The study is from the University of Buffalo in the USA. Researchers found that there are more injuries per kilometer to texting pedestrians than there are to texting motorists. Their report says walking is not as easy as we think it is. We need to focus on many

things at the same time to walk safely in a straight line. The research team said that people forget how to walk properly, so dangerous things happen to them. They bump into walls and other people, walk into cars, fall over things in the street, and even fall into holes or down stairs.

A University of Buffalo professor said walking is a complex action. He said there are several reasons why texting stops people from walking properly. One reason is that they cannot see the path ahead of them. Another is that they are focused on their fingers on their mobile phone keyboard instead of their feet on the street. A final reason is that their minds are somewhere else and not on thinking about walking from A to B safely. The professor said over 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because they were injured while texting. He said the worst cases are head injuries. When a pedestrian is tossed into the air after being hit by a car, he/she has nothing to protect the head, and the damage can be serious.

Sources: [HotHardware.com](http://HotHardware.com) / [WTop.com](http://WTop.com)

### Writing

Texting while walking is dangerous. It should be illegal. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*text messages / dangerous / study / injuries / walking / straight line / research / holes / professor / properly / path / keyboard / final reason / worst cases / hospital / serious*

### True / False

- It is more dangerous to text while walking than while driving. T / F
- A study says people who text and walk are injured every kilometer. T / F
- Researchers said walking isn't as easy as we think it is. T / F
- The article says people who walk and text often fall up stairs. T / F
- A professor said people do not focus on their feet when they text. T / F
- The professor said people who text are absent-minded. T / F
- 60,000 people visited the professor in 2013 because of texting injuries. T / F
- The professor said the worst texting injuries are head injuries. T / F

### Synonym Match

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. study     | a. complicated |
| 2. found     | b. correctly   |
| 3. motorists | c. thrown      |
| 4. properly  | d. discovered  |
| 5. things    | e. in front    |
| 6. complex   | f. report      |
| 7. ahead     | g. safeguard   |
| 8. injured   | h. drivers     |
| 9. tossed    | i. hurt        |
| 10. protect  | j. stuff       |

### Discussion - Student A

- If a car hits a texting pedestrian, whose fault is it?
- If a texting pedestrian bumped into you and injured you, what would you do?
- Will you stop texting while walking?
- Do you check Facebook, Twitter or other things while walking?
- Why can't people wait until they stop walking to text?
- What do you think of cyclists who text?
- Should pedestrians wear a helmet as protection against injury?
- What questions would you like to ask the professor?

Texting while walking is dangerous

1.What's texting while walking more dangerous than?

2.Who conducted this study?

What did the researchers find?

3.What's a pedestrian?

4.Why's walking not so easy?

5.Why does texting stop people from walking properly?

6.How many people visited the professor's hospital because they were injured while texting?

7.Do you ever walk and text at the same time?

If yes, why don't you stop first?

8.About how many texts do you send every day?

9.Why's texting so popular?

10.What are 3 different texting apps?

a.

b.

c.