

Are You A Responsible Driver?

(NAPS)—Today, there are more than 111 million wireless phone users in the country—85 percent use their wireless phones while driving—chances are you are one of them. When behind the wheel, responsible driving should be your top priority. Verizon Wireless is committed to promoting the responsible in-vehicle use of wireless phones through its “Drive responsibly. Call with care.” initiative. Test your driving responsibly IQ:

- When should you take notes or write down phone numbers while driving?
 - Never
 - Only during daytime
 - Only during nighttime
- What phone numbers should you preprogram with one-touch dialing so you can focus more attention on driving?
 - 9-1-1 only
 - Any frequently called numbers
 - Home only
- When is it appropriate to use hands-free technology, such as a headset, when driving?
 - Always
 - Only for calls that are sure to be stressful
 - Only during unusually heavy traffic conditions
- If traffic conditions warrant your undivided attention, you should...
 - Focus on the road—safe driving is your first responsibility
 - Let calls go to voicemail or activate Call Forwarding
 - A and B
- While driving on the highway, if you see a car accident, what should you do?
 - Dial 9-1-1 SEND from your wireless phone while using your hands-free device
 - Ignore the car accident, figuring help is already on the way



C. Arrive at your final destination and then place the call to 9-1-1

- Answers**
- The most responsible action is to ask the caller to leave a voicemail with necessary details. When it is safe to pull over to the side of the road or when your drive has ended only then should you take any notes.
 - Pre-program important and frequently used numbers. Keep your wireless calls from the car brief, remembering that your first responsibility is driving.
 - A. Keeping conversations on your wireless phone brief while using a headset is the most responsible way to use your wireless phone while driving. However, you should disconnect a conversation that requires a great deal of attention and focus on driving.
 - C. Road and traffic conditions can often require a driver's undivided attention—such as when there is bad weather. Be responsible and let incoming calls go into voicemail so you can return calls when it is safe to do so.
 - A. Determine whether you can make the call without being distracted. If so, dial 9-1-1 followed by the send button to report an emergency.