

# #PhoneDownEyesUp: Halton police tweets distracted driving excuses

Police in Milton and Halton Hills are taking a different approach to warning residents about distracted driving: tweeting out all the excuses.

Throughout the month of March, the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) is cracking down on distracted driving, as part of a larger traffic enforcement initiative taking place throughout 2018.

The HRPS may be using humour to get the point across, but the message is clear: distracted driving is no joke and if you're caught, it's going to cost you.

Want to cause a collision? Text someone while you drive.

You will not be able to stop without hitting the car ahead of you. It will be the most expensive text ever. #CarelessDriving #Six-Points #490DollarText

#AtFaultCollision #drive-safe #NoExcuses #MiltonON #HaltonON ^pk- HRPS Milt HHills

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"To be honest officer, I've already had a warning for this." @HRPSMiltHH thanks you for your honesty. #StillTicketable #PhoneDownEyesUp #CantStopWontStop #drivesafe #SafeRoads #NoExcuses #distracteddriving ^pk- HRPS Milt HHills

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"I wasn't holding my phone to my ear. I was leaning on my hand and singing to the radio." Really? With a charging cable across your body attached to the phone held to your ear? #Seems-Reasonable #SeemsTicketable #DistractedDriving #490DollarConvo ^pk-

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"But my friend just sent me a picture of her new nails" is not an excuse to hold your phone while you're driving. This #MiltonON driver received a \$490 coupon for looking at this photo. #PhoneDownEyesUp #distracteddriving #CantStopWontStop #SafetyFirst ^pk- HRPS Milt HHills

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The fine for holding or using a cellphone while driving is \$400, plus a victim surcharge and court fee, for a grand total of \$490. If a driver chooses to fight the ticket in court, they could face a fine up to \$1,000, and if convicted, the driver will receive three demerit points.

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