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Live-Streaming Video and Driving: A Dangerous Combination

If you haven't yet heard about live-streaming video, just ask your teenage or 20-something son or daughter.

Facebook Live and Periscope (owned by Twitter) are two live-streaming video services available with just a touch of an icon on a smartphone, tablet or other electronic device. These apps allow users to broadcast live video to their followers.



These are fun applications but some users are operating them in ways that the developers probably never intended. For example, there is a report of a Paris suicide that was videoed and streamed in real time. Another example is closer to home: A recent triple shooting in Norfolk occurred when 3 men, who were singing in their parked vehicle, were attacked and shot leaving them with serious wounds. One of the men had been live-streaming their singing so the entire incident, including police and EMS arrival, was broadcast.

In an extreme example, a motorist in Florida was arrested for allegedly using Periscope while driving drunk. Police were able to trace her after the video was posted.

Don't Drive while Video Streaming

Many live video streamers mount their cellphones in the driver area of their cars and live stream themselves while driving. This is a dangerous distracted driving practice just like texting while driving, which is banned for all drivers in Virginia.

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With the cellphone camera pointed right at the driver, you can actually see the driver looking into the camera frequently and not focusing on the road. Another distraction is viewer comments which appear on the driver's cellphone screen. Drivers read and even respond to these comments - while operating a motor vehicle.

The danger, of course, is that the risk of causing an auto accident rises dramatically when the driver is distracted. Driver distractions can be:

- **Manual** - taking the hands off the wheel
- **Visual** - taking the eyes off the road
- **Cognitive** - not mentally focusing on driving

It's easy to see that driving while live streaming video distracts the driver in **all 3 ways** making it a very dangerous practice.

Parents, discuss the very real dangers of distracted driving with your young drivers. You can find help for having this conversation at Distraction.gov.

Know What To Do in a Flash Flood Situation

Recent flooding has caused havoc in Hampton Roads and other Virginia locations. The heavy rain from thunderstorms resulted in swiftly rising waters leaving many cars and people stranded.

And we're not even halfway into hurricane season which runs from June 1 to November 30. Driving into flood water is dangerous and can be fatal: The CDC reports that more than half of flood-related drownings happen when a vehicle is driven into dangerous flood water.

Driving in a Flash Flood Situation

Flash flooding occurs when the ground can't absorb a tremendous amount of rain. The excess water fills streams and gullies, causing them to overflow their banks. Water backs up from storm drains and floods the streets.



When you see standing water, you really can't identify how deep the water is or the status of the road underneath. If you are driving in a potential flooding situation:

- Don't drive into standing water that you know is more than 4" deep or where you aren't sure of the depth of the water.
- Never drive around any barriers warning you of flooded roads.
- If you are caught on a flooded road and the water begins to rise rapidly around you, get out of the car and walk to higher ground quickly. Most cars can be swept away by less than 2 feet of running water.
- Slow down to avoid hydroplaning where the tires lose contact with the road. If you find yourself in a hydroplaning situation, slow the car by removing your foot from the gas and let the tires regain their grip on the road.
- Never drive through fast-moving water as your car can be swept away easily.
- Drive slowly and steadily so you don't create a cresting wave.
- Test your brakes as soon as you leave the water.

Read more about flooding safety from the Red Cross. <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/flood#/Prepare>

 If you or a family member has been injured in an auto accident or any personal injury, or has been denied Social Security Disability benefits, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **800-361-0430** for your initial free consultation. Kalfus & Nachman PC, Personal Injury attorney in Norfolk, can help you determine whether you need a lawyer for any personal injury case.



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K&N Cares raises funds for MADD on Facebook

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Dear Paul and Mary:

Bob and I want to thank you both for your support of MADD Southside. Your generosity, time, and effort to bring awareness to MADD's mission, message, and cause is appreciated far more than you know.

Meeting the two of you is a pleasure and a blessing! You are the first to offer to help us fundraise in such a 'grandiose' manner. We are overwhelmed by the number of views our video currently has which means YOU reached far more people than we could ever hope for or imagine reaching. Our gratitude runs deep!!

I wish everyone who viewed the video 'liked' your Facebook page before they moved on or shared the video. Wishful thinking, but I'm certain it made folks think twice about not drinking and driving. That's what is important to us.

Robin thanks you, too!! All victims of DUI thank you.

Our sincerest thanks,

Bob and Kaye Walsh, Lead Coordinators
MADD Southside
Victim advocates



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Coast Live

Look out Hampton Roads, Kalfus & Nachman is your legal expert this fall on WTKR Channel 3 new lifestyle show "Coast Live". The show will air daily at 10 a.m. starting Sept. 6, 2016. The hosts of the show are no strangers to Hampton Roads April Woodard and Cheryl Nelson. Kalfus & Nachman Attorneys will be hosting the legal segment "Case by Case" with Cheryl and April.



Join us in all the fun to help kick off "Coast Live, as we make the most of it together"

Bake Sale



Share your **PASSION** so no one walks alone

Kalfus & Nachman's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Peninsula Team is kicking off their fundraising efforts again.... Our team captains Emily, Munch and Irina have some great activities planned to help make strides in our office.

For more information on the walk visit www.makingstrideswalk.org/peninsulava or email newportnewsstrides@cancer.org



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Hampton Roads Dates September 15th and 29th



Happy Grandparents Day!

