

My decisions, my destination

Activity 4

Andrew is driving Claire and James home and they are chatting about the party. Claire receives a message from her Mum just before James sees a funny video on his phone. Smartphones are a big part of the way we live and help us connect with our friends. There are different ways that mobile phones can distract a driver and encourage them to look away from the road. Consider what could distract you as a driver and answer the questions below.

1. Describe the atmosphere in the car with Andrew, Claire and James. What are they doing and why might their behaviour be dangerous?

2. James receives a funny video on his phone. What does he do that puts him and the others in the car in danger?

3. When James receives the video, what is Andrew's reaction?

4. Watch the video again and write down the sequence of unsafe decisions made by Andrew, Claire and James.

5. If you were in Claire's position, what could you do or say that would make the drive safer for everyone?

Taking action - Distracting a driver with your phone can have serious consequences. What are some practical solutions you can apply as a passenger that will ensure that the driver is not distracted?

Take it further - Visit the [Road Safety Commission's webpage](#) to learn about the fines and penalties that apply to those caught using their phones while driving.