



For a bike -friendly  
Florida



# Working to make our roads safer for cyclists



# Florida, we have a problem



- On average, nine people die on Florida roads every day.
- **Six of these deaths are attributed to distracted driving.**
- In the first 9 months of 2024 in Florida:
  - 301,383 crashes
  - 2,329 deaths
  - 194,272 injuries



# Using your phone while driving?



- **6x** more dangerous than drinking and driving
- **23x** more likely to be involved in a crash or near -miss when texting
- You are **4x** more likely to be involved in a crash just by having a phone in your hand.



# Key West Distracted Driving, 5 Years ?



- **1,235** crashes attributable to Distracted Driving
- **55** of these crashes resulted in serious injuries
- **4** of these resulted in fatalities

**FDOT Data for Key West provided by Ryan Stachurski**



# Hands -Free Florida



The Hands -Free Florida movement is an effort to make it illegal to hold your phone while driving.



# Land of loopholes



*Isn't there already a "no texting while driving law in Florida?"*

- Existing laws only address texting and driving
- Section 316.305 and Section 316.306, Florida Statutes, refer to texting and driving and using wireless devices in a handheld manner in school and work zones only.



# What we can achieve



- **31 states** already have enforceable hands -free legislation
- In 12 of the first states to adopt a Hands -Free law, they saw **traffic fatalities decrease by 16%**
- Ohio had **25% fewer road fatalities** within 6 months!

## Hands -Free Benefits

- Lower insurance costs
- Fewer delays while driving
- *Making it home alive*



# What can you do?



- Sign the petition at [HandsFreeFlorida.org](https://HandsFreeFlorida.org)
- Issue local Proclamations of Support
- Join the HFF Coalition
  - *Email [Michelle@NaplesPathways.org](mailto:Michelle@NaplesPathways.org)*





# Hands -Free Florida Coalition





# Join the movement.

Learn more about the Florida Bicycle Association at [FloridaBicycle.org](http://FloridaBicycle.org).

