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Sprint app disables phone functions for safer driving by [Ritika Sharma](#)

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Finally a technology that will prevent accidents by helping drivers do what they should be doing, paying attention to the road.

Sprint is rolling out 'Sprint Drive First' for Android phones, a new app designed to dissuade youngsters from engaging in potentially dangerous activities like texting and making or receiving phone calls while driving.

David Owens, vice president-product development, Sprint stated, "Sprint Drive First is another action Sprint is taking to encourage its customers to use their phones responsibly behind the wheel.

"We want to help our customers arrive at their destination. Texting while driving makes drivers four times more likely to crash their car. The person you want to call or text will be there when you get done with your drive; we want to make sure that you are, too."

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Working of the app:- Sprint's Drive First will automatically disable all functions of the handset, the moment it senses the car is travelling faster than 10 miles an hour. Once in lockdown mode, the app will redirect all incoming calls, emails and text alerts to voicemail.

If the driver is engaged on the phone when Sprint Drive First kicks in, the call will be terminated immediately and the phone lock screen will appear. Anyone calling or texting the driver will be sent an automated message to notify them that the person is currently behind the wheel.

The Drive First app will unlock the device and make it functional only after the driver has been sitting still for a few minutes.

Overriding service:- The app can be programmed to have up to five numbers to ring through the handset when it is locked. It also has buttons to place emergency 911 calls and exit the app. Also, one can access three apps like navigation, music or weather.

Sprint Drive First can be made ineffective if the user is a passenger in a car, or riding on the bus or train. Walter Fowler, a spokesman for Sprint, explained, "You can't stop a teen from turning it off, but there are obvious reasons why you'd want to be able to override it like if you're a passenger in a car or bus or train. So we feel the override does need to be there." Sprint is rolling out Sprint Drive First for Android phones, a new app designed to dissuade youngsters from engaging in potentially dangerous activities like texting and making or receiving phone calls while driving. If the driver is engaged on the phone when Sprint Drive First kicks in, the call will be terminated immediately and the phone lock screen will appear. Anyone calling or texting the driver will be sent an automated message to notify them that the person is currently behind the wheel.

He added, "But kids should know that parents or account holders can receive notification if the service is overridden."

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