

# Passenger Influence on Driver Safety

**In NSW**

**14%**

Recent research suggests that at least of all road crashes involve the driver being distracted by something inside or outside the vehicle.

Distractions from within vehicles account for over a third of these 'distraction' crashes.

Young drivers have a higher crash risk when travelling with passengers of similar age than when travelling alone.

Any distraction that takes attention away from the driving task significantly increases the chances of becoming involved in a crash.

When drivers are distracted or their attention is divided, they are more likely to make mistakes.

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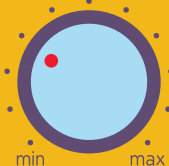


**biggest distractions inside the vehicle are:**

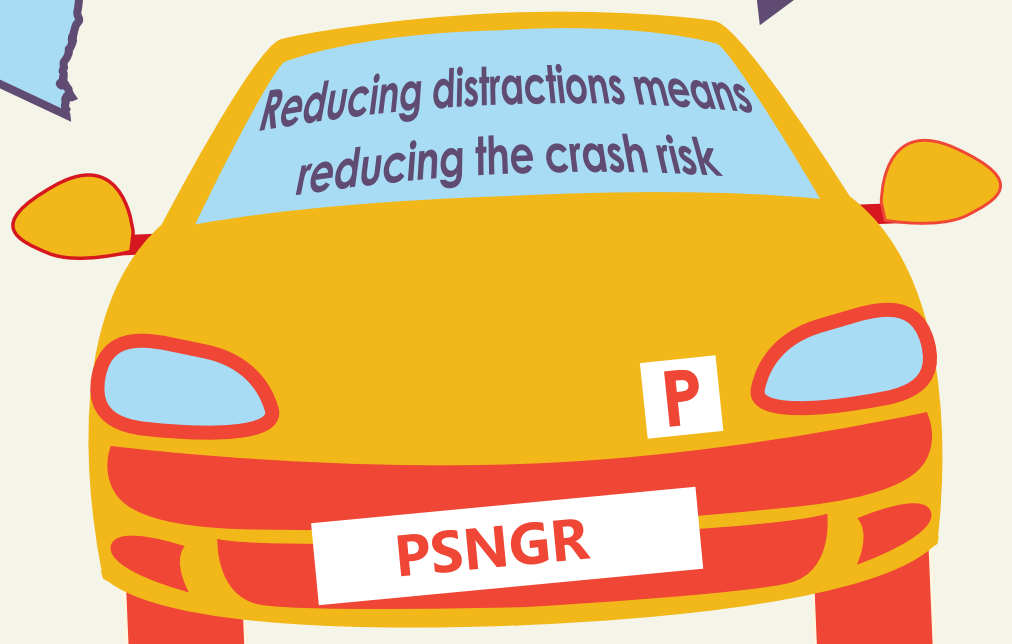


**OTHER PASSENGERS**

**ADJUSTING THE SOUND SYSTEM**



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## TIPS FOR PASSENGERS

Passengers can reduce distractions by

- o Adjusting the radio, digital music devices, or load CDs for the driver
- o Never encouraging a driver to drive dangerously
- o Keeping the noise down
- o Alerting the driver to external hazards (pedestrians, speed limit change, road works, etc)

\*Source: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/safe-driving/driving-distractions.html>

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