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Spring is officially here and with it a return of warmer weather (and humidity). This season is also a good time to review your insurance policies. Are you getting the savings you deserve? Did you buy a new car? Have there been major changes in your life, such as getting married or having a baby? Perhaps you moved or changed jobs in the last year?

A change in circumstances could mean you need to make changes in your coverage. They could also affect your insurance rates. Contact us today to talk about your policies.

### **Distracted Driving Awareness Month**

Distracted driving is a potentially deadly problem. In 2019, over 3,000 people died in accidents related to distracted driving, up 10% from the year before. Chances are you've taken your eyes off the road to read or send a text at some point. Every time it happens, you could be putting your life in danger.

April is **Distracted Driving Awareness Month**, so here are 5 tips that will help you stay safer on the road:



- 1. Always focus entirely on your driving
- 2. Make adjustments to navigation, audio, A/C, and mirrors, etc. before setting out
- 3. Finish all personal grooming (makeup, shaving, brushing hair) at home
- 4. Avoid eating while driving
- 5. Put your cell phone away and never text & drive

#### Can We Make the Earth Healthier with Electric Cars?



We celebrate **Earth Day** on April 22, which is a good time to think about the health of our planet. We all want to do something to help save our environment. We know gaspowered cars put out a lot of emissions and pollution into the air.

Recently, there has been a push toward electric vehicles (EVs), but can they really help the environment?

Many environmental experts believe they can since EVs don't produce carbon dioxide emissions. EVs also mean you won't have to pay for gas, which can benefit the earth and your wallet.

On the downside, EVs use a lithium battery, which uses quite a bit of energy. Someone must mine the metals used to make the batteries, as well. It also depends on how the electricity that powers the EV is produced. EVs charged with coal-powered electricity are just as bad, if not worse, than gas-based cars.

Still, the benefits of EVs do seem to outweigh those downsides.

Read more about EVs and their impact on the environment.

#### Need to Buy a New Car? Go Online!

Online car shopping has been around for a while, but COVID-19 really accelerated the trend in the last year. It can be a fast and convenient way to research, secure financing, and pay for a new or used car. Some online dealerships will even deliver the car right to your front door. However, you do need to be careful to make sure you don't become the victim of a scam.

Here are some **tips** to remember if you decide to buy a car online.





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