TextLimit, www.textlimit.com – the only mobile application that empowers subscribers, especially parents of teenage drivers and employers to remotely inhibit text messaging and other features of the phone while their child or employee is behind the wheel.

DriveSafe.ly ($3.99/month or $13.95/year for a single user) *Available on iPhone, Android, Windows Mobile and Blackberry.*

Instead of shutting down communications entirely, DriveSafe.ly reads text messages and emails out loud in real time, including shortcuts like LOL, and sends an autoresponse. You can even pick whether to have texts read to you with a male or female voice, or based upon the gender of the text sender.

When turned on, the app reads texts and emails aloud as they come in, so your teen doesn't have to take their eyes off the road or their hands off the wheel. You can't use it to reply, though you can set autoresponses.

As an added bonus, the makers say that it's so lightweight that it won't drain your battery (a real problem for many apps that use GPS and accelerometer features). DriveSafe.ly offers a free version and paid versions.

SafeCell ($11.99) *Available on iPhone and Android.*

SafeCell aims to curb distracted driving in a couple of ways. First and foremost, it intercepts calls and text messages before they reach you (well, at least on Android phones). When it's enabled, SafeCell autoresponds to calls and texts with a message letting the caller/texter know that you're driving and can't be reached. SafeCell also uses your handset's built-in GPS to notify you of state and local laws regarding using your phone while driving.

- See more at: http://internet-safety.yoursphere.com/2013/05/five-apps-that-help-prevent-texting-while-driving/#sthash.4BjPSAfj.dpuf

tXtBlocker **($6.99 monthly for a single user)**
Compatible with a wide range of smartphones, this app allows users to customize the locations and times of day—such as routine commuting or driving times—when texts and phone calls aren't accepted.