

## Script 5: Use of Cellular Phones

<p><b>SFX:</b></p> <p>Sounds of people waiting at a taxi rank, different voices talking, laughing at a joke, calling to someone to hurry up</p> <p>Sounds of them getting into the taxi, other people getting in, walking to their seats, usual sounds of people talking... sound of door being closed and taxi speeding off</p> <p>We hear sounds of the taxi driving fast, hooting cars around him, him hooting back, shouting at someone out the window...</p> <p>Sound of taxi swerving, more hooting, people in the taxi sounding scared and anxious</p>	<p><b>V/O:</b></p> <p>Phuti: (Slightly annoyed) Look Nokwanda, here's our taxi at last!</p> <p>Nokwanda: Those two seats in the front are empty; let's sit there...</p> <p>Phuti: (Annoyed) Look how fast he's driving...I don't like this driver, he doesn't pay attention, he just drives!</p> <p>Nokwanda: I don't believe it! Look what he's doing now... he's texting on his cellphone!</p> <p>Phuti: (Angry) Hey you! Driver! Put that phone away! You are going to kill us!</p> <p>Driver: Quiet woman!</p> <p>Phuti: No I won't be quiet, you were so busy on your phone you, went right over into the next lane and nearly hit a bakkie!</p> <p>Driver: I saw the bakkie!</p> <p>Phuti: (Indignant) No you didn't, that's why you had to swerve! It's very, very dangerous to text; I heard it on the radio. It's more dangerous than even drinking and driving!</p> <p>Driver: Nonsense!</p>
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Other passengers are agreeing in low mumbles

Nokwanda: She's right I heard the same programme. When you're talking or texting you lose your concentration. You are not watching what is happening on the road around you, and you wouldn't have enough time to stop or move out of trouble in an emergency. You are not allowed to do it!

Phuti: The law says so. You can't even text when you stop at traffic lights.

Driver: That's just stupid!

There are murmurs of agreement in the taxi

Phuti: (Angry) No its not. Using a cellphone to text makes you 23 times more dangerous on the road, so please put your phone away!

Nokwanda: I don't believe it, he's texting again!

Sounds screeching brakes and passengers being shaken around, a child cries out

Phuti: Watch out for the bus!

Phuti: (Furious) Look what you nearly did! Do you want to add us to the list of dead and injured people that are in serious accidents every year, because of stupid, selfish drivers like you?

Driver: (Guiltily) I'm sorry, I can see you are right, I'm not going to use it again when I'm driving

Nokwanda: If you have to speak to someone urgently while you're driving, you must get that hands-free

Sounds of taxi coming to a stop...  
Sounds of the ladies getting out with a few others...Phuti calls out over her shoulder to the driver

Sounds of city street as they walk together, people jostling, walking buy, calling out, chatting

kit, it's the only safe way to use a cellphone when you are behind the wheel, they said on the radio...

Phuti: Even with a hands-free you shouldn't talk for very long, because that can also take your attention away from the road.

Nokwanda: Here's our stop, let's get out of this taxi now!

Phuti: Hey driver...don't forget your promise... wena!

Nokwanda: I am so glad you got angry with the driver and shouted at him... I was a little scared to do it at first...

Phuti: (Philosophically) Nokwanda, we only have one life, if we lose our lives, we can't buy new ones in the shop! We have to catch taxis and buses every day to get to work, we can't choose who our drivers are, but we can choose to stop them from doing reckless stupid things that cause accidents and kill or injure us...and perhaps many others.

Phuti: It's our duty to our community and ourselves. There are already too many accidents on the road, too many dangerous drivers. If we can stop only one, perhaps we can save many lives.

MV/O: We choose not to text and drive. Choose Life: Call the Road Safety Toll Number 00000 for more

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