

HW #2

The objectives of risk assessment are to minimize the disastrous outcomes that seemed unacceptable. This is done by analyzing the probability of failure & ensuring events that are likely are rectified.

checking phone @ 65 mph for 4.6s:

$$d = \frac{65 \text{ miles}}{\text{hour}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hour}}{3600 \text{ s}} \cdot \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mile}} \cdot 4.6 \text{ s} = \underline{432.53 \text{ ft}}$$

The perceived risk is low as we only check the phone for a text, but the objective risk is high as checking leaves the car unattended for 432.53 ft.

## HW#12

### Risk of Death / year:

Event	<sup>national</sup> Deaths/year	Risk [death/person·years]
Radon	21,000	$6.462e^{-5}$
Drunk Driving	17,400	$5.354e^{-5}$
Falls in Home	8,000	$2.462e^{-5}$
Overheating	3,900	$1.2e^{-5}$
Home Fires	2,800	$8.615e^{-6}$

$$\text{Risk} = \frac{\text{deaths/year}}{\text{total population}}$$

Radon comes from the decay of uranium found naturally in the soil. Radon is denser than air, so it sinks in air & sits in low spots. Radon is especially dangerous in basements as the decay of uranium releases radon that seeps into the basements. This is why having radon alarms in your house is very important.