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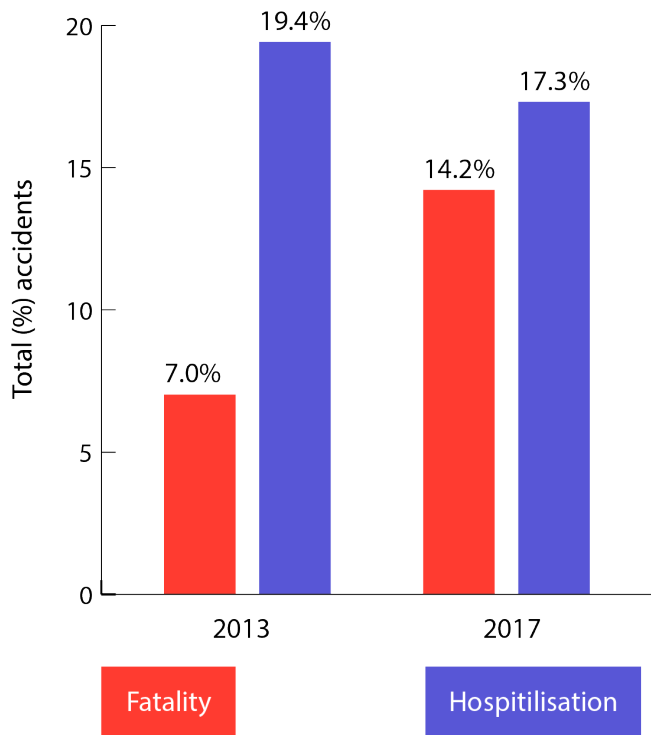
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How your iPhone can take you into new worlds.



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Apple is a billion-dollar Tech Company built from their intuitive and top of the line tech ranges. Apple is nearing the creation of 1.5 billion units of iPhones which have had a large ever-growing effect on the world. As consumers of iPhones we generally enjoy hearing how Apple will shower us in brilliant new features to better our lives, but little do we think about the mishaps and grief they create. This article will cover the Damage Apple iPhones have had on the world and how they may harm you.

iPhones and smartphones alike are the greatest tools of all time, they are packed with information and smart software that makes life much simpler for many people. However, some of these features can be distracting causing serious injuries or even death. Accidents caused by distracted driving are on the rise with nearly 390,000 injuries each year resulting from texting and driving. The WHO (World Health Organisation) states that telephone use while driving increases risk of an accident by 4-fold, In Queensland alone we saw a double in Fatalities due to distracted drivers from 2013 to 2017.

iPhones are packing a lot more features into their phones nowadays, one of the most notable being the quality of their cameras which 'gave birth' to the selfie trend. Though in recent times 'selfie culture' has begun to push people to new limits when taking their selfies which have been leaving some stains in the media. Selfie related deaths have been increasing alarmingly, with 259 deaths from the 2011 - 2017 period, which could only scratch the surface on the known selfie related deaths as it is not common for a death to be classed as a 'selfie related death'. Drowning, transport accidents and falling were found to be the most common cause of death related to selfies.

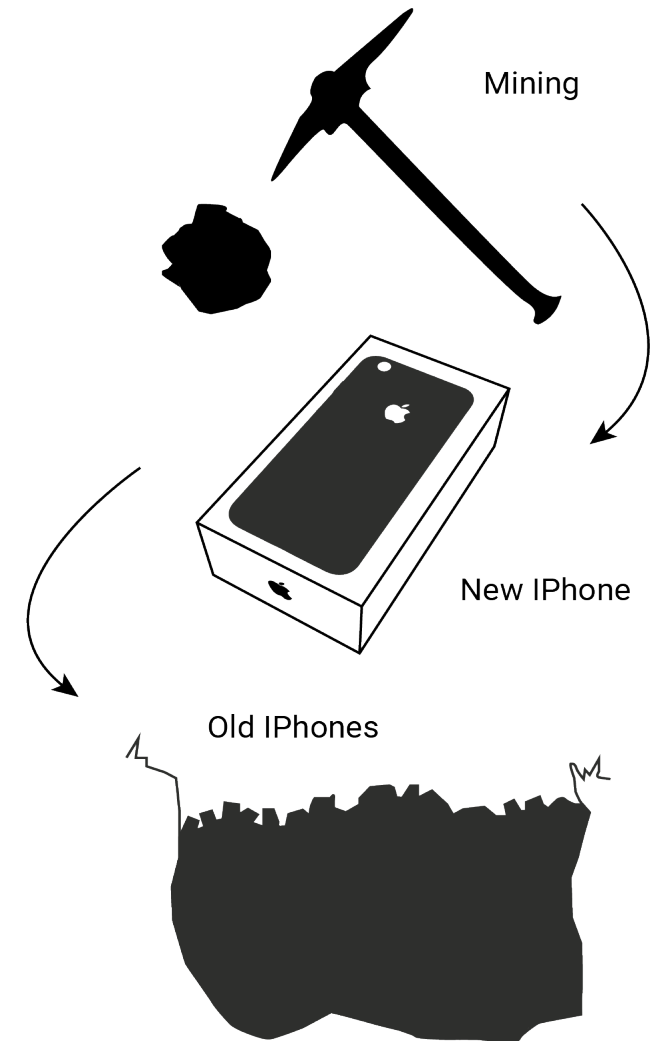
iPhones struck media attention yet again, Foxconn factories being in the highlight for their highly secretive fort like compounds. Foxconn with a once 450,000 workforce are more commonly known for their poor working conditions and small salaries of their employees, many of which live within the Foxconn campus. The workers do not escape work life and live in an almost prison

like environment. Foxconn has experienced 22 known suicides from the 2009 – 2013 period, 2010 being a controversial year with 18 suicide attempts (14 successful) grabbing the media's attention. Many workers at Foxconn are 'interns' and must work in the factories in order to complete their school courses, however much of the work done at Foxconn does not relate to their studies at all. The combination of the 12-hour shifts, repetitive work and being abused and humiliated by managers causes a very harmful environment for these workers. Many workers are also exposed to dangerous materials such as aluminium dust, which caused an explosion in 2011 killing 3 employees. Foxconn have also been investigated for child labour, having employees as young as 12 making iPhones. Apple has continued sending production of iPhones to Foxconn with cheap labour and known poor working conditions causing grief for workers and their employees.

12 years have past since the initial iPhone release, since then close to 9 billion smartphones have been made which raises the question of how this could be

affecting the planet. Many phones that have been made are constantly being labelled as outdated or irreparable leaving a graveyard of mainly unrecyclable devices which can be toxic for the environment. Our iPhones also include valuable materials like aluminium, gold and cobalt. Mining for a lot of these resources can put a toll on the environment and even cause violent conflicts and dangerous working conditions in some countries. Energy needed to create iPhones and keep them going also adds up our gas emissions further causing harm to the environment.

Although some of the issues discussed are caused by improper use by the users (distracted driving and dangers of selfies) there still stands some alarming issues that is leaving blood on Apple's hands and brings the question to light, is there a cleaner way of producing the future iPhones or will they continue to pose a risk to the world forthcoming.



Selfie Deaths

