



CourseCast of the Week – October 5, 2009 – Episode 121

Key Topics:

- Distracted Driving
- Dealing with Cyberhate
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. How many deaths last year resulted from cell phone use while driving? Do you use your cell phone while driving? What precautions do you take to keep from being distracted while driving? (Distracted Driving)
2. Cyberhate—what is it? What types of activities could be included in cyberhate? (Dealing with Cyberhate)

Explore Technology:

1. Google has released its Wave application to about 100,000 beta testers. What is beta testing? What is the benefit of beta testing? Login to the Internet, and read about beta testing. Locate an article about beta testers and what it takes to become one. Could you become a beta tester? (News Briefs)
2. Research data breach. What is it? How do the hackers get the information? What do they do with this information once it is obtained? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. How do you feel about wireless Internet being provided by U.S. airlines? How should airlines confront the use of computers for phone service and adult content? Who should monitor these new policies? (News Briefs)
2. Do you think that we need a law that would make Internet bullying a crime? Defend your answer. (Dealing with Cyberhate)