

Cell Phones, Driving and the Law



Know the law

- Hand-held or hands-free cell phone use while driving is against the law in Wisconsin for any driver with a probationary license or instruction permit, except to report an emergency.
- No driver may use a hand-held, mobile device when driving through a road work zone, except to report an emergency.
- Texting while driving is against the law for ALL drivers in Wisconsin.

Know the cost

- Ticket for Inattentive Driving, fine and four demerit points.
- Demerit points double if you have an instruction permit or probationary license and a prior moving violation.
- Graduated Driver License (GDL) restrictions are extended six more months if you have a probationary license, are under GDL restrictions and have a prior moving conviction.
- If you have an instruction permit, you must wait six months from the date of violation to be eligible for a probationary license.

Avoid the risk and stay safe

- Turn off your phone or switch to silent mode every time you get behind the wheel.
- Record your voice mail message to tell callers that you are driving.
- Pull over and stop in a safe area if you must use your cell phone.
- Or ask a passenger to call or text for you.

Understand the most important cost

- Your risk of crashing into someone or something greatly increases when you use a cell phone while operating your vehicle.

What's the cost if you damage your vehicle or hurt someone?

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**DRIVE NOW
TEXT LATER**