

# FOCUSED DRIVING IS SAFE DRIVING



Here is how you can help: Put away your phone if you are going to drive, and help others do the same.

## WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING:

### **Set it and forget it**

Turn your phone off, set it to do not disturb, or put it in airplane mode.

### **Out of reach, out of mind**

Put your phone physically out of reach, like in the glove box, backseat, or trunk – or give it to a passenger.

### **Plan ahead**

Schedule 10 minutes before you hit the road to take care of things that could distract you like phone calls, eating, or setting up navigation or music for your drive.

### **Take a break**

For longer trips, build in breaks every two or three hours to use your phone, change playlists or have a snack.

# WASHINGTON'S DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW



## NO hand-held cell phone use while driving

- Even when stopped in traffic or at a traffic light
- No typing messages or accessing information
- No watching videos or using cameras



## You CAN use your device if you are:

- Hands free (such as using Bluetooth) and can start use by a single touch or swipe without holding the phone
- Parked or out-of-the-flow of traffic
- Starting your GPS or music before you drive
- Contacting emergency services

**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW** for Washington drivers to use hand-held cell phones while they are driving. This includes all electronic devices, including phones, tablets, laptops and video games.



## Penalties for distracted driving

- A first ticket for driving distracted (E-DUI) costs **\$136**
- Fines for repeat offenses are **\$234**
- These citations will be reported to your insurance company
- There is also a Dangerously Distracted secondary law that allows law enforcement to give an additional **\$99** citation if you are pulled over for another traffic violation caused by distraction



## Related laws

- RCW 46.61.672 - Using a personal electronic device while driving
- RCW 46.61.673 - Dangerously distracted driving
- RCW 46.20.055(3)b - Instruction permit
- RCW 46.20.075(4) - Intermediate driver license holders