

# 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