

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.

AS A FAMILY:

! Set the ground rules

Set clear expectations in your family about how to handle cell phones and other distractions on the road.

✓ Set the example

Always put your phone out of reach when you drive to help your family members pick up the habit. Remember: no matter how old your kids are, they're learning to drive from your example!

📵 Make the car a device-free zone

Enjoy the ride and surroundings rather than letting people use their phones or game systems in your car.

💬 Pop quiz

When driving with your kids, talk with them about how to be a focused driver and use examples from your surroundings to quiz them on driving safely.

☁️ Think before you call

Avoid calling family members or friends when you know they're driving.

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