

# 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.

## AT WORK:

### ! Schedule strategically

Don't book call or meetings during your travel time.

### ✓ Put safety on the agenda

Begin team calls by asking if anyone is on the road. If so, ask them to pull over or call back when they're parked somewhere safely.

### 📅 Block your travel time

Indicated on your calendar when you'll be on the road so that others know not to book meetings at those times.

### 🕒 Set your office hours

Establish specific times you are available to make and take calls.

### 📄 Make a policy

Set the expectation among leadership that they will not call their staff (or expect staff to answer calls) while 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