

Driving – Cell Phone Safety

Cellular phones provide a wide range of safety benefits for traveling motorists. Whether requesting emergency road service or reporting a dangerous driver, cellular phones provide a large measure of safety and security, comfort and convenience.

However, with that convenience comes added responsibility. Safe driving requires caution, courtesy, common sense, and alertness under any conditions.

For most drivers, anything that is a distraction – a passenger, the radio, **or your cell phone** – can get in the way of your concentration. But there are ways to minimize the distraction.



Here are some cell phone rules to live by -

- Place calls while stopped or have someone in the car make the call for you.
- Use the cell phone's "hands-free" function.
- Ensure that the phone is within easy reach.
- Avoid intense or complicated conversations.
- Use the phone's "memory dial" & "recall" functions to minimize dialing time.

Some other **VERY** important details about driving are as follows -

- **Always buckle up.** Someone is killed in a crash every 13 minutes. However, seat belts save over 11,000 lives each year, and they can help you maintain control of your car in a crash
- Drive sober – **no alcohol – no drugs!**
- Always assess traffic conditions before placing a call.
- Give driving your full attention.
- Drive Defensively.
- Be courteous to other drivers.

