

# USING HAND HELD DEVICES WHILE DRIVING

**THE USE OF HAND HELD DEVICE IS NOT RECOMMENDED WHILE DRIVING AS IT DISTRACTS THE DRIVER AND INCREASES THE POTENTIAL FOR ACCIDENTS.**

**HOWEVER THERE MAY BE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A DEVICE MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE JOB FUNCTIONS. IF A HAND HELD DEVICE MUST BE USED, IT MUST BE USED CORRECTLY AND ABIDE BY CURRENT LAWS.**

**KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS:**

- **WHAT IS A DRIVER ALLOWED TO DO WITH HAND HELD DEVICES?**
- **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED WHEN USING CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING?**
- **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS AROUND RADIO USE WHILE DRIVING?**
- **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS WHEN LISTENING TO MUSIC FROM A HAND-HELD AUDIO PLAYER?**
- **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS WITH THE USE OF A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) FOR NAVIGATION?**



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## 1) COMPLETE BAN TO ALL DRIVERS

- A DRIVER MUST NOT HOLD, OPERATE, COMMUNICATE OR WATCH THE SCREEN OF A HAND-HELD DEVICE WHEN THE VEHICLE IS IN USE.
- A DRIVER MUST NOT SEND OR RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES OR EMAIL ON AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS PARKED, TURNED OFF AND THE TRANSMISSION IS IN NEUTRAL OR PARK.
- A DRIVER MUST NOT HOLD, OPERATE, COMMUNICATE OR WATCH THE SCREEN OF A HAND-HELD DEVICE, SUCH AS A GPS SYSTEM UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS PARKED, TURNED OFF AND THE TRANSMISSION IS IN NEUTRAL OR PARK.

## 2) A PERSON MAY USE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE FOR HANDS-FREE TELEPHONE USE WHILE DRIVING ONLY IF:

- THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE IS NOT HELD OR OPERATED BY HAND AND IS IN AN APPROVED DASH MOUNT.
- IT IS VOICE-ACTIVATED OR REQUIRES ONLY ONE TOUCH TO INITIATE, ACCEPT OR END A CALL.
- THE DEVICE INCLUDES AN EAR PIECE, WORN IN ONE EAR ONLY AND MUST BE PLACED IN THE EAR PRIOR TO DRIVING.
- THE DEVICE IS INSTALLED SO IT DOES NOT OBSTRUCT THE DRIVER'S VIEW OF THE FRONT OR SIDES OF THE VEHICLE OR INTERFERE WITH THE SAFETY OR OPERATING EQUIPMENT OF THE VEHICLE.

## 3) A PERSON MAY USE A TWO-WAY RADIO WHILE DRIVING IF THE TRANSCEIVER:

- IS WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT.
- IS SECURELY FIXED TO THE VEHICLE OR WORN SECURELY ON THE PERSON'S BODY.

## 4) A PERSON MAY LISTEN TO SOUND FROM A HAND-HELD AUDIO PLAYER IF:

- THE DEVICE IS NOT HELD IN THE PERSON'S HAND.
- THE DEVICE IS SECURELY FIXED TO THE VEHICLE (DASH MOUNT) OR WORN SECURELY ON THE PERSON'S BODY.
- THE SOUND IS EMITTED THROUGH THE SPEAKERS OF THE SOUND SYSTEM OF THE VEHICLE.

## 5) A PERSON MAY USE A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES WHILE DRIVING IF:

- IT IS PROGRAMMED BEFORE THE PERSON BEGINS TO DRIVE OR OPERATE THE VEHICLE.
- IT CAN BE PROGRAMMED BY VOICE ACTIVATION.
- FOR A HAND-HELD GPS DEVICE, IT MUST NOT BE HELD IN THE HAND AND MUST BE SECURELY FIXED TO THE VEHICLE (DASH MOUNT).



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