



State Distracted Driving Laws

State	LAWS						
	Statewide Hand-held Cell Phone Ban	Teen Driver Ban on Cell Phones	Distracted/Negligent Driving	Data Collection	Distracted Driving Study	State Preemption on Cell Phones	School Bus Driver Ban on Cell Phones
Arizona							√
Arkansas							√
California ¹	√ (eff. 7/1/08)	√		√			√
Colorado ²		√ ³					
Connecticut	√	√	√	√			√
Delaware		√			√		√
District of Columbia	√	√	√	√			√
Florida ³				√	√	√	
Hawaii					√		
Illinois ⁴		√		√			√
Iowa				√			
Kentucky						√	√
Louisiana					√	√	
Maine		√					
Maryland		√ ²		√			

¹In California, rental cars must be equipped with safe operating instructions for cell phones.

² In Colorado and Maryland, the teen driver cell phone ban is secondarily enforced.

³ In Florida, cell phone use is permitted as long as it provides sounds to only one ear and allows surrounding sound to be heard with the other ear.

⁴ In Chicago, Illinois, drivers are banned from using hand-held cell phones.



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Massachusetts ⁵				√			√
Michigan ⁶				√			
Minnesota		√		√			√
Mississippi						√	
Montana				√			
Nebraska		√		√			
Nevada				√		√	
New Hampshire			√ ⁷				
New Jersey	√ ⁸	√		√	√	√	√
New Mexico ⁶					√		
New York	√			√	√		
North Carolina		√		√	√		
Ohio ⁹							
Oklahoma				√		√	
Oregon		√		√		√	
Pennsylvania ¹⁰				√			
Rhode Island		√					√
Tennessee		√		√			√

⁵ In Massachusetts, cell phone use is permitted as long as it does not interfere with the operation of motor vehicle. The driver must also keep one hand on the steering wheel at all times; first-time fines for violating these laws range from \$30 to \$100.

⁶ In Detroit, Michigan and Santa Fe, New Mexico, drivers are banned from using hand-held cell phones.

⁷ In New Hampshire, drivers are accountable for distractions that contribute to a crash-motorists can be fined 4250 to \$1000.

⁸ In New Jersey, the hand-held cell phone ban for drivers is secondarily enforced.

⁹ In Brooklyn, North Olmstead and Walton Hills, Ohio, drivers are banned from using hand-held cell phones.

¹⁰ In Conshohocken, Lebanon and West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, drivers are banned from using hand-held cell phones.



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Texas		√		√			√
Utah ¹⁰				√		√	
Virginia		√			√		
Washington				√			
West Virginia		√					
TOTAL (includes DC)	6	18	3	22	8	9	14

¹⁰ In Sandy, Utah, drivers can be fined up to \$300 for engaging in a distracting activity that causes an accident or violation.