

Get the Facts: Young Drivers

CELL PHONE USE AND TEXTING:

No person may operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

This section does not apply to:

(1) A law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic, operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, or similarly engaged paid or volunteer public safety-first responder during the performance of that person's official duties, and a public utility employee or contractor acting within the scope of that person's employment.

(2) The use of a mobile electronic device for emergency purposes, including a text messaging device to contact a 911 system, an emergency call to a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department, or other emergency services agency or entity, or to report to appropriate authorities a fire, traffic accident, serious road hazard, or medical or hazardous materials emergency, or to report the operator of another motor vehicle who is driving in a reckless or otherwise unsafe manner or who appears to be driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or to report a crime;

(3) The use of a global positioning or navigation system feature of a mobile electronic device but does apply to manually entering information into the global positioning or navigation system feature of the device.

(4) Reading, selecting, or entering a telephone number or name in a mobile electronic device for the purpose of making or receiving a telephone call and using the device for the call, or if a person otherwise activates or deactivates a feature or function of a mobile electronic device; or

(5) The use of a mobile electronic device in a voice-operated or hands-free mode if the operator of the motor vehicle does not use the operator's hands to operate the device, except to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device.

