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TEXTING BAN

What drivers need to know about recent changes to texting laws.

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HOW MUCH DO TICKETS COST? ARE THERE POINTS ON MY LICENCE?

First offense is a non-moving violation with no points + \$30 + court fees*. A second offense within 5 years is 3 points + \$60 + court fees*.

* (Court fees vary, but can reach \$150.00 +)

CAN I TEXT OR USE SOCIAL MEDIA WHILE DRIVING?

While in motion, drivers may not use a wireless communication device for texting (sending or receiving), e-mailing, and instant messaging. That includes manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols or characters of any kind.

ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS TO THE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BAN?

Yes, exemptions include autonomous vehicles and emergency vehicles, reporting emergency situations or criminal activity. Additional exemptions exist while activating a hands-free function, receiving messages related to navigation, data used primary by vehicle, radio broadcasts, and alerts pertaining to safety including traffic and weather.

IS CONSENT OR A WARRANT REQUIRED FOR DEVICE ACCESS?

Law enforcement cannot forcefully seize or search communication device without first obtaining driver consent or a warrant. They must inform the driver of their right to decline a search of their device. Warrants for device records are only obtainable when a driver is involved in a crash causing injury or a fatality.

ARE THERE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SCHOOL + WORK ZONES?

School zones and construction zones are considered hands-free. You may talk on your Bluetooth, but you can't pick up your device. First offense is 3 points + \$60 + court fees. First time offenders may opt to take a wireless communications device safety program to avoid 3 points + \$30 fine + court fees.

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