



Hands-Free State by State Legislation Chart

STATE	HANDHELD BAN		TEXTING BAN	
	ALL DRIVERS	NOVICE DRIVERS	ALL DRIVERS	NOVICE DRIVERS
Alabama	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18 w/ Alabama Intermediate License for < 6 months	No	Yes
Alaska	-	-	Yes	Yes
Arizona	-	-	Phoenix Only Ban	Phoenix Only Ban
Arkansas	No	<21; +Hands-free device ban: <18 (secondary)	Yes	Yes
California	Yes	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18 (secondary)	Yes	Yes
Colorado	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	Yes	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18 w/ Connecticut Learner's Permit	Yes	Yes
Delaware	Yes	Yes ; +Hands-free device ban: Delaware Learner's Permit & Intermediate License holders	Yes	Yes
D.C.	Yes	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: D.C. Learner's Permit holders	Yes	Yes
Florida	No	No	No	No
Georgia	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	No, but Distracted Driving Laws	No, but Distracted Driving Laws	No, Distracted Driving Laws	No, Distracted Driving Laws
Idaho	No	No	No	No
Illinois	School & Construction areas	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <19	Yes	Yes
Indiana	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes (effective 7/1/2011)	Yes
Iowa	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: Iowa Restricted & Intermediate License holders	Yes (secondary)	Yes (secondary)
Kansas	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: Kansas Learner's Permit & Intermediate License holders	Yes	Yes
Kentucky	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	No	For Louisiana Learner's Permit or Intermediate License holders; +Hands-free ban: <18 & first-year drivers	Yes	Yes
Maine	Distracted Driving Laws	Handheld and Hands-free device ban: <18 or Learner's Permit & Intermediate License holders	No	<18 or Learner's Permit & Intermediate License holders
Maryland	Yes (secondary)	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18 w/ Maryland Learner's Permit or Provisional License (secondary)	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes	Yes
Michigan	For Michigan Probationary License holders whose cell phone usage contributes to traffic crash or ticket	For Michigan Probationary License holders whose cell phone usage contributes to traffic crash or ticket	Yes	Yes



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Mississippi	No	No	No	For Mississippi Learner's Permit or Intermediate License Holders
Missouri	No	No	No	<22
Montana	No (except in Billings)	No (except in Billings)	No (except in Billings)	No (except in Billings)
Nebraska	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18 w/ Nebraska Learner's Permit or Intermediate License (secondary)	Yes (secondary)	Yes (secondary)
Nevada	No	No	No	No
New Hampshire	Distracted Driving Laws	Distracted Driving Laws	Yes	Yes
New Jersey	Yes	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <21 w/ New Jersey Learner's Permit, Intermediate License, or Probationary License	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	For drivers in state vehicles	For Learner's or Provisional License (effective 6/17/11)	No	For Learner's or Provisional License (effective 6/17/11)
New York	Yes	Yes	Yes (secondary)	Yes (secondary)
North Carolina	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18 (effective 1/1/2012)	Yes (effective 8/1/2012)	Yes (effective 1/1/2012)
Ohio	No	No	No	No
Oklahoma	No	For Oklahoma Learner's Permit or Intermediate License holders	No	For Oklahoma Learner's Permit or Intermediate License holders
Oregon	Yes	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania	No	No	No	No
Rhode Island	No	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	No	No	No	No
South Dakota	No	No	No	No
Tennessee	No	Handheld & Hands-free device ban: w/ Learner's Permit or Intermediate License	Yes	Yes
Texas	In School Zones	Handheld and Hands-free device ban: first 12 mos. of driving	In School Zones	First 12 mos. of driving
Utah	Distracted Driving Laws	Distracted Driving Laws	Yes	Yes
Vermont	No	Handheld & Hands-free device ban: <18	Yes	Yes
Virginia	No	Handheld & Hands-free device ban: <18 (secondary)	Yes (secondary)	Yes (secondary)
Washington	Yes	Yes; +Hands-free device ban: Learner's Permit or Intermediate License holders	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	No	Handheld & Hands-free device ban: Learner's Permit or Intermediate License holders	No	Learner's Permit or Intermediate License holders
Wisconsin	No	No	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	No	No	Yes	Yes

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