

- » **Driver inattention** is the **leading factor** in most crashes and near crashes. (Governors Highway Safety Association)
- » **Nearly 80% of crashes** and 65% of near-crashes involve some sort of **driver inattention** within three seconds before the crash. (Virginia Tech Transportation Institute)

Will Arkansas' new cell phone laws keep people safe and alive?

YES.



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Put the Cell Phone AWAY!



A guide to understanding
cell phone use restrictions
while driving



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Put the Cell Phone **AWAY**

It's the law effective October 1, 2009!

Know the Facts

Drivers who use cell phones are **four times** more likely to be in a **crash**.
(Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)

Enforcement

Driver **cannot be stopped** or detained **for this violation only**.

First offense will be given a warning citation, no penalty and no court. Second offense is a \$50 fine.

Young Drivers and Cell Phones

(Acts 247 and 197)

Drivers under age 18

- » **Not allowed** to use handheld cell phone **for talking, texting, emailing, or surfing the Internet while driving.**
- » **May use** a handheld cell phone in an **emergency only.**

Drivers ages 18-21

- » **Not allowed** to use handheld cell phone **for talking, texting, emailing, or surfing the Internet while driving.**
- » May use **hands-free wireless telephones** or devices while driving.
- » **May use** a handheld cell phone in an **emergency only.**

Drivers Over Age 21 and Cell Phones

(Paul's Law - Act 181)

- » The driver of a motor vehicle may no longer use a handheld wireless telephone for text messaging, e-mailing, or surfing the Internet while driving.
- » The **driver may** text, e-mail, or use the Internet on their handheld wireless telephone **only in the case of an emergency.**

