

STREETS AHEAD

Mobile phones: Know the law

It is illegal to touch a mobile phone while driving, even if the vehicle is stationary on the roadside, or at a stop sign or traffic light. Touching includes resting on any part of the driver's body, such as the lap. The vehicle should be legally parked with the motor turned off before the phone can be touched.

Phone calls can be received and terminated using Bluetooth voice activation.

Otherwise, a driver can only touch a mobile phone to receive and terminate a phone call if the phone is secured in a mounting fixed to the vehicle.

It is always illegal to create, send or look at a text message, video message, email or similar communication while driving, even when the phone is secured in a mounting.

Penalty

3 demerit points and
\$400 infringement

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This is a simple interpretation of the law and is not intended to constitute legal advice. For further details visit the mobile phone page in above website.

