

## TOP 10 SAFE DRIVING TIPS FOR CELLULAR USERS

1. Motorists should focus complete attention on the road. Drivers should refrain from eating, drinking, changing CDs, playing with the radio, putting on make-up, using laptop computers, brushing hair, note taking, or reading while the car is in motion. Motorists should also avoid complicated or emotional conversations.
2. Avoid talking on the phone in congested areas or bad weather. Exit the highway if necessary to dial or complete a conversation.
3. In heavy traffic or hazardous conditions, let your voice messaging service take the call. Check and return your messages after locating an accessible exit or rest area.
4. If you can't safely exit the highway, stay in the slow lane and pay particular attention to traffic conditions when phoning. Dial a few digits, then survey traffic before completing the call. (Better yet, have a passenger dial.)
5. Keep your cellular phone within comfortable reach at all times.
6. Use your hands-free speaker phone and speed-dialing functions whenever possible. They free you of the need to juggle the phone while driving and lessen the amount of attention required to use it. Keep both hands on the wheel.
7. Be familiar with your phone's keypad -- use the speed dial functions whenever possible to minimize dialing time. If possible, add voice-activated dialing to your phone.
8. Be certain that your vehicle has been properly inspected prior to driving a long distance. This helps cut down on the occurrence of vehicle breakdowns and avoidable accidents.
9. If you are in an accident, immediately place a toll-free emergency call to ensure help arrives promptly. Maintain awareness of your surroundings while driving so you are able to give authorities an accurate description of your location. Wait at the accident scene for the police to arrive.
10. "Keep Your Mind on the Drive" at all times.

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