

CELL AND TEXTING MOTOR LAWS 2019



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STATE	TEXTING BAN	ALL CELL PHONE BAN	HANDHELD BAN	ENFORCEMENT
ALABAMA	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS AGE 16 & 17 WHO HAVE HELD AN INTERMEDIATE LICENSE FOR LESS THAN 6 MONTHS	NO	PRIMARY
ALASKA	ALL DRIVERS	NO	NO	PRIMARY
ARIZONA	NO	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + LEARNER'S PERMIT & PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS DURING THE FIRST 6 MONTHS AFTER LICENSING	NO	PRIMARY: CELL PHONE USE BY SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS SECONDARY: CELL PHONE USE BY YOUNG DRIVERS
ARKANSAS	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + DRIVERS UNDER 18	DRIVERS AGES 18 TO 20 + SCHOOL AND HIGHWAY WORK ZONES	PRIMARY: FOR TEXTING BY ALL DRIVERS & CELL PHONE USE BY SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS SECONDARY: FOR CELL PHONE USE BY YOUNG DRIVERS, DRIVERS IN SCHOOL & WORK ZONES
CALIFORNIA	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + TRANSIT BUS DRIVERS + DRIVERS UNDER 18	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY: HANDHELD & TEXTING BY ALL DRIVERS SECONDARY: ALL CELL PHONE USE BY YOUNG DRIVERS
COLORADO	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18	NO	PRIMARY
CONNECTICUT	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT HOLDERS + DRIVERS UNDER 18 + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
DELAWARE	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT HOLDERS + INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + LEARNER'S PERMIT HOLDERS	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
FLORIDA	ALL DRIVERS	NO	NO	SECONDARY
GEORGIA	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + DRIVERS UNDER 18	YES	PRIMARY
GUAM	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	YES	PRIMARY
HAWAII	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
IDAHO	ALL DRIVERS	NO	NO	PRIMARY
ILLINOIS	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 19 + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
INDIANA	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 21	NO	PRIMARY
IOWA	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	NO	PRIMARY: FOR ALL OFFENSES
KANSAS	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	NO	PRIMARY
KENTUCKY	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18 + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	NO	PRIMARY
LOUISIANA	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS + DRIVERS UNDER 18	NO	PRIMARY
MAINE	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	NO	PRIMARY
MARYLAND	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS UNDER 18 + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	ALL DRIVERS + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	PRIMARY
MASSACHUSETTS	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL & PASSENGER BUS DRIVERS + DRIVERS YOUNGER THAN 18	LOCAL OPTION	PRIMARY
MICHIGAN	ALL DRIVERS	LEVEL 1 OR 2 LICENSE HOLDERS	LOCAL OPTION	PRIMARY
MINNESOTA	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + LEARNER'S PERMIT HOLDERS & PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS DURING THE FIRST 12 MONTHS AFTER LICENSING	NO	PRIMARY
MISSISSIPPI	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	NO	PRIMARY
MISSOURI	DRIVERS 21 YEARS OR YOUNGER	NO	NO	PRIMARY
MONTANA	NO	NO	NO	NOT APPLICABLE
NEBRASKA	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS UNDER 18	NO	SECONDARY
NEVADA	ALL DRIVERS	NO	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
NEW HAMPSHIRE	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18	YES	PRIMARY
NEW JERSEY	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
NEW MEXICO	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	LOCAL OPTION	PRIMARY
NEW YORK	ALL DRIVERS	NO	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
NORTH CAROLINA	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18 + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	NO	PRIMARY
NORTH DAKOTA	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18	NO	PRIMARY
OHIO	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18	LOCAL OPTION	PRIMARY: FOR DRIVERS YOUNGER THAN 18 SECONDARY: FOR TEXTING BY ALL DRIVERS
OKLAHOMA	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + PUBLIC TRANSIT DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + PUBLIC TRANSIT DRIVERS	PRIMARY
OREGON	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
PENNSYLVANIA	ALL DRIVERS	NO	LOCAL OPTION	PRIMARY
PUERTO RICO	ALL DRIVERS	NO	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
RHODE ISLAND	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + DRIVERS UNDER 18	YES	PRIMARY
SOUTH CAROLINA	ALL DRIVERS	NO	NO	PRIMARY
SOUTH DAKOTA	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	NO	SECONDARY
TENNESSEE	ALL DRIVERS	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS + LEARNER'S PERMIT HOLDERS & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	DRIVERS IN MARKED SCHOOL ZONES	PRIMARY
TEXAS	ALL DRIVERS	BUS DRIVERS + DRIVERS UNDER 18	DRIVERS IN SCHOOL CROSSING ZONES	PRIMARY
UTAH	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18	PARTIAL	PRIMARY: FOR TEXTING SECONDARY: FOR TALKING ON HAND-HELD PHONE
VERMONT	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
VIRGIN ISLANDS	ALL DRIVERS	NO	YES	PRIMARY
VIRGINIA	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18 + SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	NO	PRIMARY: FOR TEXTING BY ALL DRIVERS SECONDARY: FOR DRIVERS YOUNGER THAN 18
WASHINGTON	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
WEST VIRGINIA	ALL DRIVERS	DRIVERS UNDER 18 WHO HOLD EITHER A LEARNER'S PERMIT OR AN INTERMEDIATE LICENSE	ALL DRIVERS	PRIMARY
WISCONSIN	ALL DRIVERS	LEARNER'S PERMIT & INTERMEDIATE LICENSE HOLDERS	NO	PRIMARY
WYOMING	ALL DRIVERS	NO	NO	PRIMARY
TOTAL	ALL DRIVERS: 47 STATES + DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, VIRGIN ISLANDS & PUERTO RICO	SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS: 21 STATES + DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TEEN DRIVERS: 38 STATES + DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.	ALL DRIVERS: 15 STATES + DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, VIRGIN ISLANDS & PUERTO RICO	PRIMARY FOR ALL DRIVERS TEXTING: 43 STATES + DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA & PUERTO RICO SECONDARY FOR ALL DRIVERS TEXTING: 4 STATES



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