

# Mobile Phone Use While Driving

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## Global Standard – Minimum Requirements

**As a first principle, all drivers must avoid phone use while driving unless it is absolutely necessary. In situations when there is an absolute need to use the phone while driving, the following are the minimum conditions that must be followed:**

1. A Hands Free device must be used. It shall be correctly mounted in a safe place or consist of an integrated vehicle system. Head/earphones are not permitted, but a secure single ear blue tooth device is allowed.
2. Only use when driving in non congested conditions and when safe to do so after assessing and continuing to assess the overall situation, which includes other traffic, pedestrians, visibility and the weather/elements at the time - an example of when the phone must not be used is when in the area of a school
3. All conversations must be kept to a minimum. If a conversation is unlikely to be short, the caller must be told they will be contacted as soon as the driver has found a safe place to park
4. When out going calls are permitted, the driver can only initiate the call via voice activation or an integrated vehicle system which allows the driver to keep their hands on the steering wheel and their eyes on the road
5. Texting, emailing and any other hands-on use of mobile devices are banned
6. If the phone or another device is used for satellite navigation purposes, it must be mounted in a fixed device where it can be easily seen while keeping a good view of the road, it must not obstruct the driver's view and cannot be held in the hand. It is not allowed to manipulate the device while driving.

**Anyone phoning a mobile phone, must first ask the person if it is safe to take the call.**

## Additional Requirements

- Each country will raise awareness with drivers, about the risks associated with mobile phone use, through training courses and communication campaigns
- Each country must identify ongoing opportunities to significantly reduce the amount of occasions and time people need to use the phone while driving