

Text Talk TICKET

Hang Up & Drive



Save yourself a \$124 ticket — and save lives!

Park your phone when you drive.

As of June 10, 2010, Washington's new cell phone law is in effect—with strict police enforcement. If police see you holding a phone to your ear while driving, they can pull you over. Tickets start at \$124 and go much higher if distracted driving causes a serious injury.

"We will fully enforce this law from day one...in hopes of preventing these needless tragedies."

— WA State
Patrol Chief
John R. Batiste

The New Law Means:

- No texting or checking email—even when stopped at intersections.
- No talking on handheld phones.
- Teens with intermediate driver licenses or learners permits may not use a wireless device at all, including hands-free devices, unless they're reporting an emergency.

Pulling to the shoulder to talk on the phone or text is not a safe option and in some cases is illegal.

This law is not meant to encourage the use of hands-free devices.

Hands-free devices offer no safety benefit. Parking your phone is the only safe way to drive.



To read the laws pertaining to cell phone use while driving, go to <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW> for the following Revised Codes of Washington: 46.61.667, 46.61.688, 46.20.055, 46.20.075.

The Danger is Real

- Cell phone drivers are as impaired as intoxicated drivers who have a .08 blood-alcohol level.
- Talking on a cell phone—with or without a hands-free device—increases the chance of crashing by four times.
- Texting drivers look down for 5 seconds at a time on average—enough time at highway speeds to cover more than a football field.



Heather Lerch, Feb. 23, 1991- Mar. 23, 2010

On February 23, 2010, Heather Lerch of Tumwater, WA crashed her car and died. She was texting at the time of the crash. Below is Heather's car after the crash.



"More than 50% of the visual cues spotted by attentive drivers are missed by cell-phone talkers. Not surprisingly, they get in more wrecks than anyone except very drunk drivers."

*— Univ. of Washington
Brain Scientist
Dr. John Medina*

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