

TIPS FOR DISTRACTION-FREE DRIVING

Use your phone's Do Not Disturb feature or an app to silence calls and texts.

Put your phone in the glove box or anyplace that will help you resist the urge to look at it.

Avoid eating, drinking, smoking, and reading while driving.

If something falls out of your reach, wait until you are safely parked to retrieve it.

Minimize interactions with passengers and pets while operating a motor vehicle.

Avoid personal grooming while driving.

Refrain from driving when you are angry or upset. Emotions can interfere with driving.

If you need to manually use your electronic device, pull over to a safe location and park your vehicle.

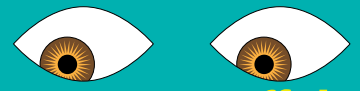
Keep music at a reasonable level. Avoid using headphones or earbuds.

Ask a passenger to help navigate, change the music, or monitor your texts.

Focus your attention on the roadway and your driving.

Distracted driving is when you engage in any action that diverts your attention away from driving.

Distractions involve...



taking your eyes off the road.
(visual distraction)

AND



taking your hands off the wheel.
(manual distraction)

AND



taking your mind off the drive.
(cognitive distraction)

Eyes on the Road
Hands on the Wheel
Mind on the Drive



Safe Driving
Begins With You



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Go hands-free. Just drive. It's the law.

It is illegal to manually use a cell phone or other mobile electronic device while operating a vehicle on Michigan roads. A driver cannot hold or support a phone or other device with any part of their hands, arms, or shoulders.

Even if a cell phone or other device is mounted on your dashboard or connected to your vehicle's built-in system, you cannot use your hands to operate it beyond a single touch.

Under Michigan's Hands-Free Law, you cannot manually do any of the following on a cell phone or other electronic device while driving:



Make or answer a telephone or video call.



Send or read a text or email message.



Watch, record, or send a video.



Access, read, or post to social media.



Browse or use the Internet.



Enter information into a GPS or navigation system.

PENALTIES

1st violation	2nd or subsequent violations	3 violations within a 3-year period
\$100 fine and/or 16 hours of community service.	\$250 fine and/or 24 hours of community service.	Complete a driving-improvement course.

Fines doubled

If a traffic crash occurs and the at-fault driver was holding or manually using a mobile device while operating the vehicle, any civil fines will be doubled.

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Can I use my device while I am stopped at a light or in traffic?

A

You cannot hold or manually use a cell phone or other mobile electronic device at any time while operating a vehicle, including when you are stopped at a light or in traffic.

Q

My phone is mounted on my dashboard, so I'm hands-free. Can I send a text?

A

You cannot use your hands to operate a cell phone or other device beyond a single touch, even if it is mounted.

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Can I use Bluetooth or my vehicle's built-in system?

A

You can use hands-free technology within the vehicle as long as you do not manually use the system. Anything more than a single touch is against the law.

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What if I see a crash or have an emergency?

A

You can use a cell phone to call or text 911 to report an emergency or seek help.