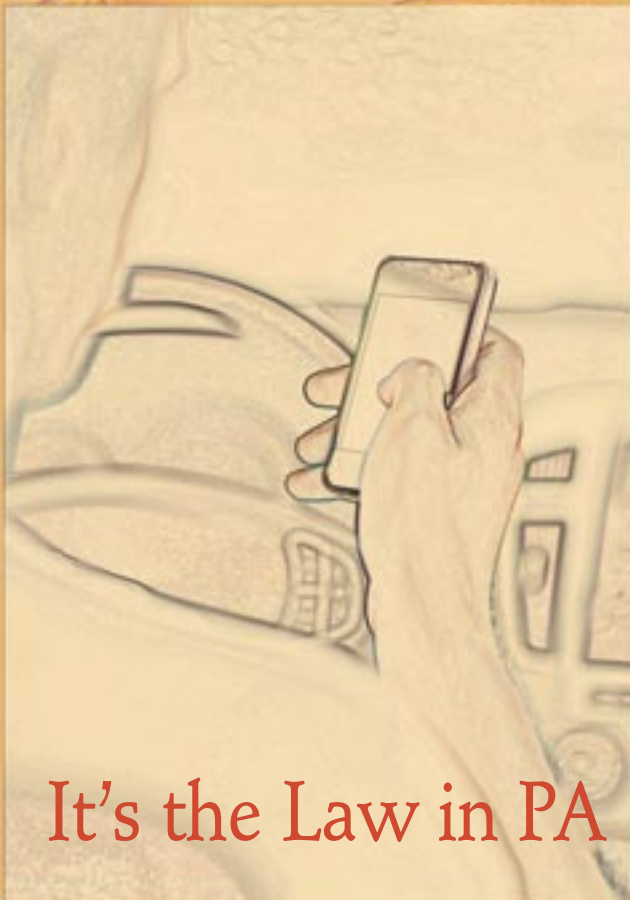


TAKE THE PLEDGE

Don't Text And Drive

Anything that causes you to either take your attention away from driving, take your eyes off of the road or take your hands off of the wheel is a distraction. Texting while driving is one of the main causes of distracted driving and a major contributor to accidents. Distracted driving is a deadly behavior. Federal estimates suggest that distraction contributes to 16% of all fatal crashes, leading to around 5,000 deaths every year.

If the thought of driving for five seconds with your eyes closed makes you nervous, consider that every time a text message is sent or received, the process will likely take even longer to complete.



It's the Law in PA

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Texting while driving has become a national epidemic. Drivers assume they can handle texting while driving and remain safe, but the numbers don't lie. Texting while driving causes more than 1.6 million accidents a day – nearly 25 percent of all car accidents.

That's why Pennsylvania is one of many states to ban texting while driving.

Pennsylvania's Law

Act 98 of 2011

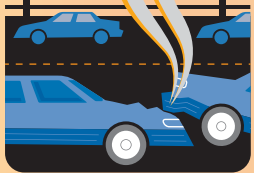
- Makes it a primary offense to use an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD) to send, read or write a text-based message, meaning that law officers can stop and cite offenders for that reason alone.
- Defines an IWCD as a wireless phone, personal digital assistant, smartphone, portable or mobile computer or similar devices that can be used for texting, instant messaging, emailing or browsing the Internet.
- Identifies a text-based message as a text message, instant message, email, or other written communication composed or received on an IWCD.
- Imposes a \$50 fine for conviction for the summary offense. The penalty carries no points and will not be recorded on the driving record of non-commercial drivers. For commercial drivers, it will appear as a non-sanction violation.
- Makes clear that this law supersedes and pre-empts any local ordinances restricting the use of interactive wireless devices by drivers.

The ban excludes the use of a GPS device, a system or device that is physically or electronically integrated into the vehicle, or a communications device that is affixed to a mass transit vehicle, bus or school bus.

Texting While Driving Is:



The **#1** driving distraction reported by teen drivers



About **6** times more likely to cause an accident than driving intoxicated




The same as driving after **1, 2, 3, 4** beers

according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration



Makes you **23** times more likely to



Slows your brake reaction speed by **18%**



Takes place by **800,000 DRIVERS** at any given time across the country

Texting while driving is not only dangerous - it's illegal in Pennsylvania.

Do your part to drive safely. Take the Pledge and Don't Text and Drive.