

OUR GOAL IS TO EDUCATE
YOU ABOUT THE NEW
LAW AND REDUCE FUTURE
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

**THE HANDS FREE LAW
GOES INTO EFFECT
JULY 1, 2018**



391,000
ACCIDENTS WITH
INJURIES
IN 2015

3,450
ACCIDENTS WITH
FATALITIES
IN 2016

*Source: National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration*



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The new hands-free law means you **cannot operate a motor vehicle while operating a cell phone, holding a cell phone with your hand or supporting a cell phone with another part of your body.**

Below is a list of rules and definitions that will clarify specifically what you may or may not do.

PLAY BY THE RULES

Motor Vehicle Operations 40-6-241

1. A driver may not hold/support a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone computer with any part of their body.
Exceptions: Earpiece, headphone, smart watch
2. May not write, send, or read any text-based communication.
Exceptions: Voice based communication automatically converted to written message
3. Navigation/GPS may only be accessed by the driver while vehicle is lawfully parked. The screen may be viewed while the vehicle is in motion but may not be held or supported by any part of the driver's body.
4. May not watch a video.
Exception: Navigation device
5. May not record a video.
Exception: Continuous recording broadcasting (dash cams)

School Bus Operations 40-6-165

1. A school bus driver may not use a wireless telecommunications device or two-way radio while loading or unloading passengers.
2. A school bus driver may not use a wireless telecommunications device while the bus is in motion, unless it is used in a manner similar to a two-way radio to allow communication with school or public safety officials.

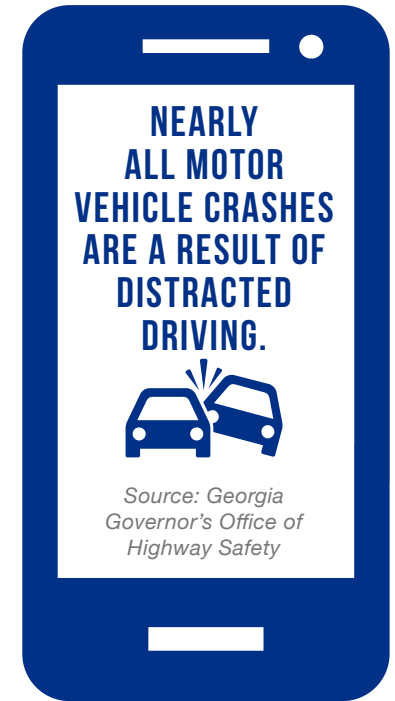
Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators ONLY 40-6-241(d)

1. May not use more than a single button to initiate a voice conversation
2. May not reach for a wireless telecommunications device in such a manner that they are:
 - No longer in a seated driving position
 - Or properly restrained by a seat belt

Note: MV provisions remain unchanged from previous law (former 4-6-241.2 (b)(2)) – avoids conflict with FMCSA regulations

Exceptions to the Rules for ALL Drivers 40-6-241 (g)

- Radio
- CB Radio OR CB Radio Hybrid
- Commercial Two-way Radio (or functional equivalent)
- Subscription Based Emergency Communications Device
- Prescribed Medical Device
- Amateur or Ham Radio Device
- In-vehicle Security, Navigation, or Remote Diagnostics System



Source: Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety

KNOW THE TERMS

Stand-alone Electronic Device 40-6-241 (a)(1)

- A device that stores audio or video data files to be retrieved on demand by a user. (Ex. – iPod)

Wireless Telecommunications Device 40-6-241 (a) (3)

- Cell phones
- Portable telephones or text-messaging devices
- Personal digital assistant
- Stand-alone computer (laptop or tablet)
- GPS receiver
- Any similar portable wireless device used to send/receive communications or data