

PENNSYLVANIA'S MOBILE DEVICE BAN

**(DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW
PAUL MILLER'S LAW)**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a smartphone. The person is wearing a yellow sweater. The background is a blurred view of a car's interior, including the steering wheel and dashboard. The smartphone screen is black and displays the text 'THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW' in white, bold, italicized capital letters. The person's fingernails are painted a dark purple color.

***THINGS
YOU NEED
TO KNOW***

UNDER THIS LAW:

Drivers may not use interactive mobile devices while driving.

Interactive mobile devices include phones, tablets, or computers used for calling, texting, browsing, social media, gaming, or data transfer.

Use of interactive mobile devices means holding the device or supporting the device with part of the body, pressing more than one button, or reaching for it unsafely.

A driver may use an interactive mobile device using hands-free technology or if the driver moves the vehicle to the side of or off a highway and halts in a location where the vehicle can safely remain stationary.

The law also provides an emergency use exception if it is necessary to communicate with a law enforcement official or other emergency service to prevent injury to persons or property.

The penalty is a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees.

Drivers can't be charged under both texting and mobile device bans for the same incident.

A driver who commits homicide by vehicle because of violating the new ban may be subject to up to an additional 5 years confinement.

Junior license exams now require viewing distracted driving education and submitting certification to PennDOT.

**For more information, visit
[pa.gov/agencies/penndot/traveling-in-pa/safety/
traffic-safety-driver-topics/distracted-driving](https://pa.gov/agencies/penndot/traveling-in-pa/safety/traffic-safety-driver-topics/distracted-driving)**

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