

PENNSYLVANIA'S MOBILE DEVICE BAN

(DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW
PAUL MILLER'S LAW)



***TOP 10
THINGS
YOU NEED
TO KNOW***

UNDER THIS LAW:

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Drivers may not use interactive mobile devices while driving.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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For the first 12 months, the penalty is a written warning.

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Effective June 5, 2026, the penalty is a summary offense with a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees.

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

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

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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

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