



# DROP THE CONNECTION!

**It's the law: No hand-held devices while driving**

## According to Bill 118 Prohibited devices include:

- iPods
- Blackberrys
- Portable DVD players
- Mp3 players
- Laptops
- Handheld games
- Devices for e-mailing and texting



**Do not use prohibited items while driving, stuck in traffic, or at a red light.**

**\$500 FINE!**

## Why the law?

- 4 x more distracted when speaking or planning to speak
- Language interferes with visual tasks
- 6x more likely to miss hazards and cause accidents
- Distractions entice drivers to look away, causing speed to fluctuate and the vehicle to swing out of the lane.
- Reaction times are delayed 50% when diverted from the road

## Safety Tips

- Listen to the radio
- Place phones and Mp3s in a holder
- Use hands-free devices such as blue tooth
- Do not answer phone while driving
- Pull to the side of the road to have a conversation

## Is it really worth it?

- Driver distraction is a factor in 20% of all accidents.
- People under 35 are the most likely to be found driving with hand-held electronic devices.

Fines for using any prohibited items while driving start at \$115 and go up to \$500. However if you are found to be careless or negligent, you can face fines of up to \$1000, six demerit points, a driver's license suspension, or even jail time.

## What you can do while driving

- Hands-free devices with an earpiece or Blue Tooth
- 911 calls
- Activating hands-free mode for incoming or outbound calls
- GPS units mounted on dashboards
- Using collision avoidance systems

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