

Safety Always Comes First When Driving

*Wireless devices give you the freedom to stay connected with family and friends and to conduct business anytime, anywhere. But, when it comes to using your wireless device behind the wheel, it's important to remember **safety always comes first** and should be every driver's top priority.*

Cellular phones and other wireless devices are some of the best safety tools drivers can have on the road. Everyday more than 290,000 calls are made from cell phones to 911 or other emergency services. That's about 200 calls every minute. More Americans are using their cell phone to report emergencies, prevent crimes and to save lives.

If it is necessary to use a wireless device while driving, the wireless industry encourages drivers to follow some basic do's and don'ts to ensure that it does not become a distraction:

- Be responsible behind the wheel...Don't Text and Drive!
- Get to know your wireless device and its features such as speed dial and redial.
- Position your wireless device within easy reach.
- Dial sensibly and assess the traffic; place calls when you are not moving.
- Let the person you are speaking with know you are driving; if necessary suspend the call in heavy traffic or hazardous weather conditions.
- Do not take notes or look up phone numbers while driving.
- Use a hands-free device for convenience and comfort.
- Do not engage in stressful or emotional conversations that might divert your attention from the road.
- Dial 911 or other local emergency numbers to report serious emergencies – it's free from your wireless phone.
- Use your wireless phone to help others in emergencies.
- Call roadside assistance or a special non-emergency wireless number when necessary.

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