

Hands-Free Cellular Phone Safety Tips

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❖ **Know the functions of your mobile phone & hands free device**

Familiarize yourself with your phone's handsfree functions, including speakerphone, voice dialing, Bluetooth® pairing, headphone port, speed dialing and redialing. Using these features will help you keep your hands on the wheel while driving.

❖ **Synchronize your headset & plug in your charger before driving**

Before you start your engine, make sure your headset is paired with your phone. You should also plug in your charger into your phone.

❖ **Make important calls before you enter your vehicle**

It is safest to begin and finish all cell phone conversations before you get in your car. Do not view your commute time as ample opportunity to talk.

❖ **Pull over when you need to send or receive a call**

If traffic conditions allow, try to pull over when you need to speak on your cell phone, even when using hands-free technology. Be aware that some traffic conditions do not permit you to pull over.

❖ **Keep conversations short**

Keep necessary cell phone conversations as brief as possible. The longer you talk, the greater the chance of being involved in an accident.

❖ **Try to avoid engaging in emotional conversations**

Losing focus is easy when you are absorbed in strong emotions. Make other time for these types of calls.

❖ **Don't text message and drive**

Text messaging requires too much concentration to be done safely while driving. If you must compose a message, pull over.

❖ **Use your voicemail**

If you receive a call while you are driving, allow your voicemail to record the message. You can listen to it when you arrive at home.



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