

Using your mobile phone whilst driving

What is the law?

The punishment for talking on a handheld mobile phone whilst driving a car increased in 2007 to a £60 fixed penalty and 3 points on your licence. This can increase to £1,000 should the incident go to court. Drivers of goods vehicles, buses and coaches can be fined up to £2,500.

The law says that you cannot operate a hand held phone or similar device while driving. If you need to hold the device to make or receive a call, or perform an interactive communication function, which includes (but is not limited to) sending and receiving of spoken or written messages, sending or receiving still or moving images and providing access to the internet, then it is classified as a hand-held device.

So in a nutshell, if your mobile phone or device needs to be held to transmit or receive data or voice calls, then you can't use it while driving.

So I can't use my phone at all in the car?

Yes you can - there is a legal way to get around the legislation. As the law states that the device cannot be held, using a hands-free kit allows the driver to communicate using their mobile phones while driving, and stay within the law.

You are allowed to push buttons on a phone while it is in a cradle or on the steering wheel, as the law simply dictates that you must not hold the phone.

Don't let your phone distract you

This doesn't mean it's still completely safe though. Remember not to be distracted by your phone or device or should an incident occur, you may find yourself up on careless or even dangerous driving charges, regardless of whether you were using hands-free equipment or not.



If I haven't got hands free -must I switch my mobile off in the car?

Contrary to popular belief, the law does not demand that your mobile phone is switched off when travelling in a vehicle.

Passengers are of course allowed to use mobiles and as long as the driver is safely parked, or using a hands free kit, then there should be no problems at all and you can chat away to your heart's content.

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