

**NEW CELLULAR PHONE LAW****NEW CELLULAR PHONE  
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Use of a hand-held cellular telephone to engage in a call while driving is prohibited in New York State, pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1225c.

 **Exceptions:**

When the driver uses a **hands-free** mobile telephone, which allows the user to communicate without the use of either hand.

When the purpose of the phone call is to communicate an **emergency** to a police or fire department, a hospital or physician's office, or an ambulance corps.

When operating an authorized emergency vehicle in the performance of official duties.

 **Penalty:**

As of **December 1, 2001** violators may be issued a ticket for a traffic infraction, resulting in a fine of up to **\$100**.



- Buckle up.
- Keep your hands on the wheel.
- Keep your eyes on the road.
- Position your phone where it is easy to see.
- Familiarize yourself with the phone's operation while the car is parked.
- Use a hands-free microphone while driving.

- Use the speed dial feature for frequently called numbers.
- Safely pull over and dial manually.
- Never take notes while driving. Pull off the road if you must read or write.
- Use voice mail to pick up your calls if it is inconvenient or unsafe to answer the car phone.

(These tips for safe cellular phone use were provided by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association.)

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