

# Phone Down. Save Lives.

HANDS-FREE MINNESOTA

## HANDS-FREE MYTHS AND FACTS FOR DRIVERS UNDER 18

### Can I talk on my phone?

- ▶ **No.**
- Not hands-free.
- Not hand-held.



### Can I video chat, FaceTime, watch YouTube, or play a game?

- ▶ **No.** It is illegal to:
- Compose or read text message or email.
- Video call.
- Video live stream.
- Snapchat.
- Game.
- Look at stored photos or videos.

### Can I text hands-free?

- ▶ **No.** It is illegal for drivers under age 18 to use a cell phone, whether hand-held or hands-free.

### What if I'm at a stoplight?

- ▶ **No.** Stoplights and stop signs are part of traffic.

### Can I use my phone as a GPS?

- ▶ **Yes, in a hands-free or voice-activated mode only.**
- You can't be typing an address while driving.
- Hands-free means you can't hold it.
- If you need to see your GPS map, mount it to your dashboard.

### Can I listen to music or podcasts on my phone?

- ▶ **Yes, in a hands-free or voice-activated mode.** Absolutely no scrolling through playlists or channels.

### How can I listen to music on my phone?

- Through your car's Bluetooth system.
- Via an aux cable through your speakers.
- One earbud (two is illegal).

### Can I answer my phone or text if it is from my parents?

- ▶ **No.** It doesn't matter who is on the other line.

### What if there is an emergency – can I use my phone?

- ▶ **Yes, ONLY to obtain emergency assistance, if there is an immediate threat to life and safety.** You can use the phone in either a hand held or hands free mode to get help.



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