



If Batman stops to use his phone, *WHY SHOULDN'T YOU?*

Other reasons to put down that phone and keep your mind on your driving

- ◆ Distractions while driving are more than just risky—distracted driving isn't limited to cell phone use. Other passengers, audio and climate controls in the vehicle, and eating or drinking while driving, are all examples of dangerous distractions for drivers.
- ◆ Using a cellphone while driving is risky and can lead to crashes.
- ◆ Interacting with an electronic device in any way can take your eyes off the road at a critical moment.
- ◆ Texting and voice to text both require biomechanical and brain function.

ORO VALLEY has the most restrictive ordinance in Southern Arizona for cell phone use while driving. Oro Valley is a “hands-free” town, meaning drivers are not allowed to hold a cellular phone or other electronic mobile device while operating a motor vehicle. This ordinance also applies to drivers stopped at a red light.

Drivers may only make and receive phone calls using “hands-free” technology, such as Bluetooth, or systems that are integrated with the vehicle. Also permitted are single-finger touch and swipe movements to devices that are mounted to the vehicle. If these methods are not available, drivers should pull over to a safe location before using their hand-held devices.

- A person who violates Article 10-14 of this ordinance and is not involved in a motor vehicle collision is subject to a civil penalty of \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second, and \$200 for the third.
- A person who violates the ordinance and is involved in a collision is subject to a civil penalty of a minimum amount of \$250.

GRAHAM COUNTY has not adopted any restrictions for use of cell phones while driving.

DAVIS-MOUNTAIN AIR FORCE BASE and FORT HUACHUCA do not allow cell phone use *without* hands-free equipment while driving.

TUCSON texting while driving already is banned in the city, effective May 1st new rules expand that ban to phone calls and the use of other hand-held mobile communication and electronic devices. Violation of the new ordinance will be considered a secondary offense, meaning you must be pulled over for another reason before police can cite you.

- Anyone caught using a cellphone without a hands-free device while driving will get a \$250 fine for the first offense that doesn't involve an accident, \$500 for the second violation and any subsequent violation. The citations will be civil offenses.
- The minimum fine for someone involved in a vehicle accident while using a cellphone will be \$500.

PIMA COUNTY effective June 1st, “A person may not use a handheld electronic device while operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway unless that device is specifically designed or configured to allow hands-free use and is used in that manner.”

Unlike Tucson's law, the county ordinance makes violations a primary offense, meaning deputies can pull over a motorist they suspect is using a cell phone illegally.

- Violation of the county ordinance is a civil traffic infraction, punishable by a \$100 fine when the driver is not involved in an accident.
- and a \$250 fine if the driver is involved in an accident.

****** Employees driving for UA business and in UA vehicles, are expected to comply with all ordinances and cell phone usage while driving.

****** Risk Management Services will be reviewing their fleet vehicle policies.