

WARNING

NEW TEXTING WHILE DRIVING LAW

Effective 10-01-2009

Prohibits a person from using a text messaging device to write or send a text message while operating a motor vehicle in motion or in the travel portion of the roadway; specifying exceptions for use of a global positioning system, or text messaging to contact a 9-1-1 system; etc. The Maryland law makes the activity a misdemeanor crime. A civil penalty will be imposed and a fine of not more than \$500.00 can be enforced if convicted.

DISTRACTED DRIVING OFFENSES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Objects | <input type="checkbox"/> Changing Clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checking PDA's | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Texting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Grooming | <input type="checkbox"/> Talking with Passengers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating and Drinking | <input type="checkbox"/> Adjusting Vehicle Controls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjusting Radio/
CD Player/MP3 Player | <input type="checkbox"/> Browsing the Internet |

**IT'S NOW ILLEGAL
IN MARYLAND TO
TEXT AND DRIVE!**

This warning information card is a prevention measure for educational purposes only.

ARE YOU DRIVING inTEXTicated?

What you should know about Maryland's NEW traffic law!

- Based on a five year average, 30,954 inattentive driving crashes occur on Maryland roadways annually.
- Nearly 19,660 people are injured annually in Maryland in inattentive related crashes.
- Approximately 38% of all Maryland traffic injuries involve an inattentive driver.
- Research now says that texting while driving causes your reaction time to delay as if you were driving impaired with a .16% BAC!

THOUGHTS TO PONDER...

Are you guilty of texting while driving?

Are you aware of the new texting law?

**Texting while driving in Maryland
is now against the law!**



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