

Phones-Down: It's the Law



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Per Senate Bill 398, all drivers on Missouri roadways shall not:

1

Hold or support a cell phone or other wireless device while driving. Drivers can use Bluetooth or voice-activated features while driving.*

2

Manually type, write, send, or read any text-based communication on an electronic communication device.

3

Watch, record, post, send, or broadcast a video or movie.

*Features include GPS and other hands-free apps



Penalties



1st Conviction
Up to \$150 fine

2nd Conviction
Up to \$250 fine

3rd Conviction
Up to \$500 fine

Drivers can face criminal charges for crashes that result in property damage, injury, or death.

Drivers can still report a crime, medical emergency, or traffic crash.