



**California Office of Traffic Safety Fact Sheet
Wireless Telephone Laws that go into effect on July 1, 2008.**

 Minors (under 18 years of age) VC §23124	 Adult Drivers 18 years of age or older VC §23123
The new law prohibits driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone or mobile service device.	The new law prohibits driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone unless a hands free device is used.
<p>Wireless Telephone: A wireless telephone is defined as specialized mobile radios, broadband personal communication devices, handheld devices, pagers, or two-way messaging, and texting devices.</p>	
<p>Enforcement begins July 1, 2008</p> <p>Secondary Law: If stopped by a peace officer for a Primary Law Violation, you can be cited additionally for the use of a wireless telephone or other mobile service device.</p> <p>Violation: Non moving violation The violation is a reportable offense that goes on your record. However, DMV will not assign a violation point.</p> <p>Fine: \$20, first offense plus administrative fees. \$50, second or subsequent offenses plus administrative fees.</p> <p><i>Courts can impose additional administrative fees.</i></p> <p>Provisional License: The restriction will not appear on my provisional license.</p> <p>Exception: Use permitted in emergency situations only. (To law enforcement, health care provider, fire department). While operating a vehicle on private property.</p>	<p>Enforcement begins July 1, 2008</p> <p>Primary Law: A peace officer can stop a driver if he/she suspects the driver is using a wireless telephone without a hands free device.</p> <p>Violation: Non moving violation The violation is a reportable offense that goes on your record. However, DMV will not assign a violation point.</p> <p>Fine: \$20, first offense plus administrative fees. \$50, second or subsequent offenses plus administrative fees.</p> <p><i>Courts can impose additional administrative fees.</i></p> <p>Exceptions: Emergency situations, for example: calls to law enforcement, health care provider, fire department. Emergency service providers operating an authorized emergency vehicle during the course of employment. While operating a vehicle on private property. Only class "A" or "B" licensees operating a truck tractor as defined in Vehicle Code §655 or motor truck VC §410 are allowed to use a "push-to-talk" feature. Exemption does not apply to drivers of pickup trucks with commercial plates.</p>