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HANDS-FREE MINNESOTA

# HANDS-FREE FACTS FOR DRIVERS

## Can I use my phone?

- ▶ **Yes**
- Hands-free.



## Can I text hands-free?

- ▶ **Yes.**
- In a hands-free or voice-activated mode only.

## 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 use my phone as a GPS?

- ▶ **Yes, in a hands-free or voice-activated mode only.**
- Don'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 make my phone hands-free compatible?

- You can use a single earphone that has a microphone.
- Pair your phone to your current Bluetooth system.
- Use an auxiliary cable to connect to your phone's earphone jack to the vehicle's car AUX jack.
- If the vehicle has a cassette player, purchase an adapter that fits into the cassette player.
- Purchase a holder that clips to the dash, vent or cup holder to make phone use hands-free.
- Use one earbud (two is illegal).

## 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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