

Motor Vehicle Safety
Chapter 15

7) Operators are prohibited from using cell phones or global positioning systems and other electronic devices while the vehicle is in motion. Where permitted by state law, these devices may be used in hands-free mode.

a) **Exception.** This prohibition does not apply to the use of these devices in emergency situations (immediate threat to life) limited to the extent necessary to convey vital information; and/or to BLM law enforcement personnel when such usage is necessary to carry out official law enforcement activities.

b) Government-purchased two-way radios are allowed for use at any time. Some states have imposed further restrictions on the use of these devices while driving. For a complete listing of states that have restrictions on the use of hand-held devices, see http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone_laws.html.

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8) Operators are prohibited from text messaging while driving at any time or when using electronic equipment supplied by the government.