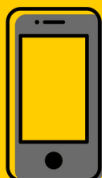


## LAW GOES INTO EFFECT JULY 1, 2025



**Starting July 1, 2025, Iowa drivers can no longer use handheld cellphones while driving. Phones must be used in hands-free mode.**

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa became the 31<sup>st</sup> state to pass the 'Hands-Free' bill.

### **PENALTIES**

WARNINGS ISSUED FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2025.

STARTING JANUARY 1, 2026:



- STANDARD VIOLATION: \$100 FINE
- CHARGE OF SIMPLE MISDEMEANOR
- HIGHER PENALTIES APPLY IF INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS

### **FEW EXCEPTIONS**

Some professions do not need to comply with the hands-free law.

- Police officers, emergency responders, and those operating farm equipment
- Law does not apply in emergency situations (e.g., weather alerts, reporting an emergency).

## **PROTECTING IOWANS FROM DISTRACTED DRIVING**



**This law is intended to reduce distracted driving crashes, injuries, and deaths.**

**Drivers can practice safe driving habits such as:**

- Putting your phone on 'Do Not Disturb'
- Keeping your phone out of reach
- Pulling over to use your device
- Staying hands-free even at stops
- Letting a passenger help manage phone tasks
- Planning ahead and setting up GPS and music before driving