

Texting & Driving



Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law



The Florida law banning texting while driving went in to affect July 1, 2019.

The new law makes it a primary offense to text while driving. Therefore, police can pull drivers over specifically for texting. The first offense is a fine of \$30 and a point on your driver's license. The second offense is \$60 and three points, if cited again within five years.

Entering letters, numbers or characters into a device is considered texting; this includes emails, and instant messaging.

A stationary motor vehicle is not subject to the ban, so technically texting at a stop light is still legal but not advisable. The law also includes exceptions for vehicle navigation such as google maps and Waze.

Starting Oct. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2019, police will begin issuing a warning to drivers talking on a hand held phone in a school zone or construction zone (while workers are present). Then, beginning Jan. 1, 2020, they will start issuing tickets. It will still be legal to use hands-free technology such as Bluetooth under these conditions.

From a safety standpoint, put away your devices and concentrate on driving. It can wait.

For more information about the new law, please access the statute: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0300-0399/0316/Sections/0316.305.html



NO text.
NO call.
NOTHING
is worth losing a life over.

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/driving-safety/distracted-driving/>