

Safe Driving With Your Wireless Phone

Your wireless phone gives you the freedom and flexibility to stay in touch when you travel. However, the safe and responsible use of the phone depends entirely on you. Avoid accidents by not reaching for the phone or talking on the phone while driving. Your life and the lives of others are at stake. Arrive safely.

Ensure your safety and the safety of others:

- Always buckle up.

- Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road.

- Don't let a phone call distract you from driving safely.

- Pull off the road to a safe location to receive or return the call.

Or, consider your alternatives:

- Allow voice mail to handle your calls and then return them at your convenience.

- Ask a passenger to place or answer the call.

Using 911 With Your Phone

If an emergency occurs, pull over to a safe location, and dial 911. Where 911 is not available, you will need to identify the appropriate local emergency service number to call for assistance.

Important: If you are in an area where your phone is searching or scanning for a signal or there is no signal, it is highly probable that a call to 911 will not go through. If your wireless 911 call is not going through, locate the nearest landline phone and call for help. Also, TTYs (text telephone devices) are currently not compatible with digital wireless phones and should not be used for 911 calls. Wireless 911 calls do not automatically provide emergency personnel with your name, phone number or location. Tell the dispatcher:

- Your name and 10-digit wireless phone number.

- The nature of the emergency.

- Whether police, fire or medical assistance is needed.

- The exact location of the emergency, including cross streets, mileposts or landmarks.

Remember: Lock your keypad to prevent unintended calls to 911.

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