

Cellphone Use While Driving

All PK employees are required to comply with the law and company policy. The new Michigan “Cellphone” law, effective June 30, 2023, makes any cellphone use while driving that is not hands-free illegal. This new law aims to make the roads safer by reducing crashes caused by distracted driving. Safer roads mean safer work zones.

Under the new cell phone law in Michigan:

- “An individual shall not hold or use a mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle”. “Hold” “means to physically support with any part of the hands, arms or shoulders”.
- A mobile device may be operated in a voice-operated or hands-free mode from a mount or through the vehicle user interface that is permanently installed into the vehicle.
- When operating the mobile device hands-free the user may use a single button to press, tap, or swipe to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device or to select a telephone number or name.
- An electronic mobile device may also be used for GPS or navigation as long as the information is not entered by hand.

Our goal at PK is zero crashes and injuries. If a cell phone is needed to communicate and the outgoing call can't be made or an incoming call can't be answered safely, and within the law, do not make the call or do not answer. Wait until the call can be made or answered safely and legally.

Remember that all PK employees may carry a personal cell phone for use in emergencies. However, at no time may employees use their phones for personal business while driving or working. Personal phones may be used during lunch breaks and during work hours only in case of an emergency.

