Hands - Free Georgia Act Quick Guide Effective July 1, 2018

What Exactly is the Hands-Free Georgia Act?

The Hands - Free Georgia Act is designed to save lives due to the rising number of vehicle accidents caused by distracted drivers throughout the state.

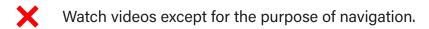
YOU MUST HAVE A HANDS - FREE ACCESSORY

This law prohibits drivers from using, holding, or supporting the phone in their hand or another part of their body.

What Is a Driver Prohibited from Doing?

Hold or support a wireless telecommunication device (including a cell phone or GPS) with any part of your body.

Write, send, or read any text - based communication unless it's a voice - based communication that automatically converts to text.



Record a video (including Skype and FaceTime).

What Is a Driver Allowed to Do?

Use a GPS system or mapping app (ie. Google), but cannot access the app, such as to change the address while driving.

Use music streaming apps like Spotify, but cannot touch their phone to skip, start or stop the app while driving.



Wearing and using a smart watch.

Use a radio, emergency devices or "in-vehicle security, navigation or remote diagnostics" systems.

Begin and end a phone call using **one** button.

Use a voice-to-text device to send text messages or other text-based communication.

Use an electronic device while legally parked (not at a stoplight - "lawfully" means off or beside the road in an area open to parking).



Types of Hands - Free Devices

Speakerphone Earpiece Bluetooth Device Smart Watch

Penalties

1st Offense: \$50 fine + 1 point on drivers license

2nd Offense (within a 24 - month period): \$100 fine + 2 points on drivers license

3rd Offense (within a 24 - month period): \$150 fine + 3 points on driver license

*Any further infractions may lead to a driver's license suspension.

Emergency Use Only

Drivers can use their devices during emergencies to:

- Report a traffic incident
- Report a medical emergency
- Report a fire
- Report a crime
- Report hazardous road conditions

How We Can Help?

State and local law enforcement advise the purchase and use of a hands-free device if using a mobile phone while driving. Most of our new vehicles come with a device installed and can also be installed cheaply on those that do not.

Schedule a hands-free technology installation appointment by calling (770)-587-2000.