

Mobile Phones



Why this is a Road Safety Issue:

- ▶ Hand held mobile phones distract drivers attention from their driving.
- ▶ Holding a mobile phone can limit drivers physical control, and if held under the chin may limit the view of the road.
- ▶ Hands free mobile phones can also distract drivers from their focus on driving.
- ▶ Any distraction from driving increases the risk of crashing.

What the ACT Government is doing:

- ▶ Implementing awareness campaigns to encourage all road users to obey the road rules.
- ▶ Enforcing the laws on using a mobile phone while driving (ACT Policing issued 1,020 traffic infringement notices for this offence in 2006).

What You Can Do:

- ▶ Don't use hand held mobile phones while driving.
- ▶ Use message bank and retrieve your calls when you have finished driving, or during a driving break.
- ▶ If you must receive calls during driving – use a hands free adapter.
- ▶ If necessary, pull over with care and answer the call from the side of the road so that you can give your full attention to the call, and on returning to the road give your full attention to driving.



‘Road Safety – It’s Everyone’s Responsibility’