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## Banning cellphones while driving: What you need to know



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**PHOENIX (FOX 10)** - Arizona is one step closer to becoming the next state to ban the use of a cell phone behind the wheel. The bill is now in the hands of Governor Doug Ducey. Here's a breakdown of the bill, and what it means for you.

House Bill 2318 is one step away from becoming law. What this bill does is not only ban texting while driving, it bans the use of any type of electronic handheld [device](#) while driving.

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"What that is saying is you can't hold it, you can't have it in your hand or you can't have it leaning against a part of your body," said personal injury attorney Marc Lamber. "So even if you're not using it, the fact that you have it in your hand alone would be a violation."



Even if [your phone](#) is on a dock or on a handsfree device, you still can't use it.

"You can't be manually texting or engaged in text-based [communication](#)," said Lamber. "So sending an email, sending a text, [or] doing a search online because if you're doing that, you're not focused on the roadway."

There are some things you can still do. A driver can use their [phone](#) while parked or at a red light. Drivers can also use it to report illegal activity or call for help. If using Bluetooth, you are allowed to make calls or use voice text.

"If the phone isn't on your head, and it's not on your body, and you're using it just for purposes, just for

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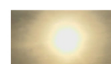
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