

Texting while Driving Laws in SEC States



State	Texting Ban	Handheld Ban	Young Drivers All-Cellphone Ban
Alabama	All drivers § 32-5A-350	(Proposed, 2019 Regular Session, did not pass). HB 6 HB 239 HB 404 SB 1	16 year-old drivers and 17 year-old drivers who have held an intermediate license for fewer than 6 months. § 32-6-7.2
Arkansas	All drivers § 27-51-1504	Drivers 18 or older but younger than 21. In school and highway work zones. § 27-51-1604 § 27-51-1609 § 27-51-1610	Drivers younger than 18. § 27-51-1604
Florida	All drivers § 316.305	None.	None.
Georgia	All drivers § 40-6-241	All drivers. § 40-6-241	N/A .
Kentucky	All drivers § 189.292	None.	Drivers younger than 18. § 189.294
Louisiana	All drivers § 32:300.5	Drivers in a signed school zone. All learner's permit and intermediate license holders, regardless of age. § 32:300.6 § 32:300.8	Drivers younger than 18. All drivers issued a first driver's license are prohibited from using a cellphone for one year, regardless of age. § 32:300.7

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Mississippi	All drivers § 63-33-1	None.	None.
Missouri	Drivers 21 and younger § 304.820	None.	None.
South Carolina	All drivers § 56-5-3890	None.	None.
Tennessee	All drivers § 55-8-199	Drivers in marked school zones. § 55-8-207	Learner's permit and intermediate license holders. § 55-50-311
Texas	All drivers § 545.4251	Drivers in school crossing zones and on public school property during the time the reduced speed limit applies. § 545.425	Drivers younger than 18. § 545.424

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