

(Suggested Cell Phone Policy)

Cellular/Mobile Phone Usage

Cellular/mobile phones should not be used while operating a vehicle. Using a cell phone while driving leads to an increased risk of having an accident through a lack of attention to driving. Inattention is the #1 cause of vehicle accidents in America. Inattention can also involve adjusting the radio, eating, smoking, daydreaming, talking to passengers, things outside the vehicle, and other distractions.

Researchers at the University of Toronto found that the risk of having a traffic accident while using a cell phone is the same as that while driving drunk. In eleven countries and several US cities it is illegal to use a cell phone while operating a vehicle. Regulation of the use of phones in vehicles has been the subject of more than one hundred bills in thirty-seven states.

The following is our corporate policy for the use of cell phones while on company business.

- ❑ Allow voice mail to handle your calls and return them at your safe convenience.
- ❑ If you need to place or receive a call pull off the road to a safe location.
- ❑ Ask a passenger to make or take the call.
- ❑ Inform regular callers your driving schedule, and when you will be available to talk.
- ❑ Keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes and mind the road while driving.