

# **Cellular Telephone and Wireless Device Use in Moving Motor Vehicles**

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### 1.0 PURPOSE & SCOPE

It is the aim of the Mission Support Alliance (MSA) Management Contract team to proactively provide a workplace free from recognized hazards and to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. It is the intent of the legislature of the state of Washington to phase out the use of hand-held wireless communications devices by motorists while operating a vehicle.

This Policy applies to MSA Management Contract team employees performing MSC work scope and identifies the circumstances for which an employee may use a cellular telephone or wireless device while operating a motor vehicle in accordance with MSC-RD-9237.

### 2.0 DEFINITIONS

Hands-free mode: The use of a wireless communications device with a speaker phone, head-set, or remote ear-piece.

### 3.0 POLICY

Holding a cellular telephone or other wireless communications device to one's ear while operating a moving motor vehicle is prohibited. Also, reading, manually writing, or sending a text message on an electronic communications device while operating a moving motor vehicle is prohibited.

The following exceptions are permitted:

- Cellular telephone or wireless communications device use by the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, or tow-truck responding to a disabled vehicle;
- Operating a moving vehicle while using a hand-held wireless communications device to:
  - Report illegal activity;
  - Summon medical or other emergency help;
  - Prevent injury to a person or property.

Using a cellular telephone or other wireless communications device in the hands-free mode while operating a moving motor vehicle is permitted.

### 4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective upon publication.