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Mobile phone laws

Law in the UK on the use of phones and sat-navs while driving has been extended to include 'any use'

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As of 25th March 2022, it is now illegal in the UK to hold and use any handheld device - including phone, sat nav and tablet - that can send or receive data while driving or riding a motorcycle.

This law applies to drivers stationary at traffic lights or stuck in congestion - even with start/stop eco technology - or when supervising a learner driver.

Drivers who break the law, they can face a fine of £200 and up to six points. New drivers may also lose their licence if their driving test was passed within the last 2 years.

A further 3 points can be given if drivers don't have full visibility of the road and traffic ahead, or lack proper control their vehicle while using the handheld device.

Offenders could be taken to court for receipt of a driving ban and a maximum fine of £1,000 (up to £2,500 for lorry or bus drivers).

Drivers can now make contactless payments in a non-moving vehicle, like at a drive-thru. Making allowances for new technology, drivers are also now permitted to use their phone if it's being operated to park their vehicle remotely.

AMEY VEHICLES WITH FIXED PDA'S OR TABLETS

Fixed tablets/PDA's can be used in certain vehicles and circumstances. Touching the screen is permissible when recording the information required. This **must** be done in a **safe place** by the driver when the vehicle is **stationary**. The engine is still in operation as it is required to operator the bin lift etc.



1 You can only use your device when safely parked

Sitting at traffic lights or stuck in non-moving traffic does not constitute as safely parked.

2 Hands-free means just that - no touching!

No setting it up, plugging it in, typing an address or holding the device, even momentarily, while driving.

3 The risks of doing so are severe

The penalties are fines, points and bans. But the real risk is serious injury or loss of life for you or other road users.