

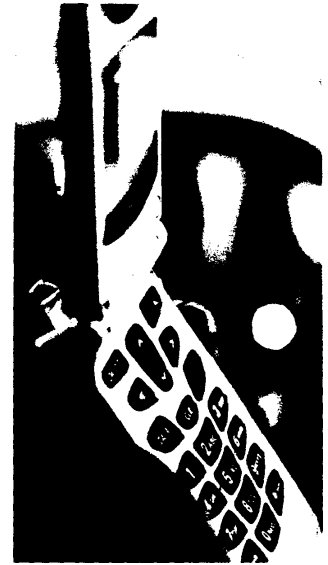
A Call to Safety

Keep your attention on the road by programming

Since cell phones became available to Americans in 1983, usage has exploded. According to the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, there are nearly 150 million U.S. wireless subscribers - more than 45 percent of the U.S. population. And new subscriptions are growing at the rate of about one every two seconds.

While cellular phones provide safety, security, comfort and convenience, they also pose a potentially significant hazard if they are not used properly. If you must use a cell phone while driving, consider the following safety tips from the American Automobile Association:

- Mount your phone where you can easily reach it while driving. The phone should be within comfortable reach in your usual driving position and as close as possible to your line of vision.
- Know all the operations of your cellular phone, and learn to use it without looking.
- Keep your attention on the road by programming frequently called numbers into the phone's memory.
- Dial sensibly. Wait for a stoplight, pull off the road to dial, or ask a passenger to dial for you.
- Avoid using your cellular phone in challenging traffic situations. Pull off the road to make a call.
- Use caution when you stop to make calls.
- Use your voice mail to take calls or leave yourself messages. Never take notes while driving.
- Disconnect your cellular phone when using jumper cables; the power surge could burn out your phone.



If you have additional questions about driver safety, please stop by or call my office today.