



# The penalties for using a mobile phone while driving

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## Fines and Penalties

Using a mobile phone while driving is a serious problem that puts both the driver and other road users at risk. It is illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone while driving or while stopped with the engine on, and those who are caught doing so can face a range of penalties.

The penalties for using a mobile phone while driving vary depending on the specific circumstances and the jurisdiction, but they can include fines, points on the license, and even imprisonment. For example, in the UK, the standard penalty for using a mobile phone while driving is a £200 fine and 6 points on the license and if you're a new driver you can end up losing your license after 6 points. Repeat offenders or those who cause accidents while using their phones can face even harsher penalties.



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## Using a mobile phone while driving

In addition to the legal penalties, several other consequences can result from using a mobile phone while driving. These can include increased car insurance rates, difficulties finding a job or getting a loan, and even losing one's license. For commercial drivers, using a mobile phone while driving can lead to loss of employment.

Aside from the legal and financial consequences, the main consequences of using a mobile phone while driving are the risk of causing a crash and hurting or killing oneself and other road users. Distracted driving caused by mobile phones is a leading cause of accidents on the road, and it's important to remember that any phone call, text, or social media update can wait until you are safely parked.



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## Conclusion

To avoid these penalties and consequences, it is crucial for drivers to always obey the law and avoid using their mobile phones while driving. This means turning off the phone or putting it in a place where it is not easily accessible. If a driver needs to use their phone, they should pull over to a safe location and turn off the engine before using it. Additionally, drivers should be aware of their area's laws and penalties and always drive responsibly and with safety as the top priority.

In summary, using a mobile phone while driving is a serious problem that puts both the driver and other road users at risk. It is illegal and can result in fines, points on the license, and even imprisonment. In addition to the legal penalties, a number of other consequences can result from using a mobile phone while driving, such as increased car insurance rates, difficulties finding a job or getting a loan and even losing one's license.

Always put safety first, obey the law, and never use your mobile phone while driving.



# About The Author

**Hussan Lal** is a highly competitive DVSA-approved driving instructor who is passionate about teaching others to drive. He is dedicated to improving the skills of his learners from the very start, striving to help them become better drivers. With a strong commitment to excellence and a passion for teaching, Hussan is a standout in the field of driving instruction, constantly looking for new and innovative ways to support his students in achieving their goals. Besides being a driving instructor, he is also an inventor, researcher, and founder of Moje Solutions, showcasing his versatility and entrepreneurial spirit.

