### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Teen Driver - Cellphones

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Teen Driver – Cellphones s.343, 346 a proposed guidance document.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by: 1. Department's website:

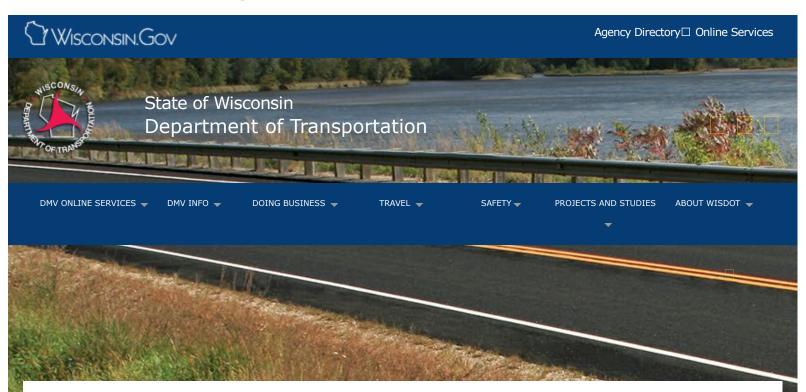
https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV11

 Mailing written comments to: Division of Motor Vehicles Wisconsin Department of Transportation 4822 Madison Yards Way PO Box 7336 Madison, WI 53707-7336

## WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at <u>wisconsindot.gov</u> to allow for ongoing comment.

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## Driving and the law — know the facts

Using a cell phone while driving is against the law in Wisconsin for any driver with a probationary license or instruction permit, except to report an emergency.

• The law applies to all drivers with a probationary license or instruction permit, not just those under the age of 18.

- The law applies to handheld and hands-free operation of a cell phone.
- Cell phone use, whether or not it is hands-free, increases crash risk.
- Cell phone law can be primary enforcement (the only reason for the stop) but often will be secondary, when the driver is stopped for another violation.

## Breaking the law will cost you - time, money and safety

- Breaking the law results in a four-point Inattentive Driving ticket and a fine. Worse, you may crash into something or someone.
- If a ticketed driver has a probationary license, is under GDL restrictions and it is the only ticket they have received, their GDL restrictions will be extended six months.
- If a ticketed driver has an instruction permit, they must wait six months from the date of violation to be eligible for a probationary license.
- If it is a second or subsequent ticket and the driver has a probationary license or instruction permit, demerit points double.

## Avoid a costly ticket and Stay Safe

- Turn off your phone or switch to silent mode.
- Use voice mail to tell callers that you are driving and will return the call as soon as possible.
- If you must use your cell phone, pull over and stop in a safe area.
- Or ask a passenger to call or text for you.

## Texting while driving is against the law for ALL drivers in Wisconsin.

### Questions?

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