

DRIVING UPDATE: GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES STRICTER RULES ON MOBILE DEVICES

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From the 25th March, handling a phone or any other interactive device whilst driving, such as external or in-built satnavs, will be illegal.

The rules also apply when stopped at traffic lights, queuing in traffic or supervising a learner driver.

Exclusions include:

- Using contactless payments at drive-throughs and tolls
- When you're safely parked*
- If you need to call emergency services and it's unsafe or impractical to stop

* "Safely parked" is defined as being either stopped at the side of the road or in a designated parking bay **with your engine off**.

The penalty for breaking these rules is a £200 fine and six penalty points on your driving licence, but if you passed your driving test in the last 2 years, you'll lose your licence.