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Connecticut's Cell Phone Ban Goes into Effect

Connecticut has joined New York, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia in banning the use of handheld cell phones while driving.

Connecticut's law became effective on October 1. The law prohibits drivers from using a handheld mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle. Under the law, drivers with a learner's permit are prohibited from using any mobile telephone, including phones with hands-free accessories, while driving.

The state has already fined one driver for violating the law. Television station WFSB reports that police cited a 23-year-old driver after he admitted he was operating his cell phone when he crashed into a utility pole just hours after the law went into effect.

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