

Update: Oregon Legislature Closes Cell Phone Law Loophole



Let your customers know that Oregon's legislature has recently amended the state's ban on the use of mobile devices while driving. They are closing the loop hole that states abstractly that people who drive for a living may use their cell phone if it is work related. The amendment now specifically lists police, emergency vehicles, tow trucks, utility crews and some agricultural vehicles

as the only people who can legally use the hand set of their mobile phones. Drivers over 18 may still use a hands free device while driving. The amendment goes into effect on January 1, 2012 and violations carry a \$142 minimum fine.



Oregon's New Cell Phone Law

"Operating a Motor Vehicle While Using a Mobile Communication Device"

House Bill 2377 amended ORS 811.507 to ban the use of mobile communication devices with some exceptions. The new law, a class D traffic violation with a minimum base fine of \$142.00, is effective January 1, 2010 and is a primary offense, meaning that a police officer may stop a driver solely for using a cell phone without using a hands-free accessory. For purposes of the new law, "mobile communication device" is defined as a text messaging device or a wireless, two-way communication device designed to receive and transmit voice or text communication.

Exceptions provided in the law are:

- A person who is summoning medical or other emergency help if no other person in the vehicle is capable of summoning help;
- A person using a mobile communication device for the purpose of farming or agricultural operations;
- A person operating an ambulance or emergency vehicle;
- A person 18 years of age or older who is using a hands-free accessory (a device that when used allows the driver to maintain both hands on the steering wheel);
- A person operating a motor vehicle while providing public safety services or emergency services as a volunteer;
- A person operating a motor vehicle while acting in the scope of the person's employment as a public safety officer, as defined in ORS 348.270;
- A person operating a motor vehicle in the scope of the person's employment if operation of the motor vehicle is necessary for the person's job;
- A person activating or deactivating the mobile communication device or a function of the device (note: dialing is considered the same as texting and is not a "function of the device");
- A person who holds a valid amateur radio operator license issued or any other license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and is operating an amateur radio;
- A person who operates a two-way radio device that transmits radio communication transmitted by a station operating on an authorized frequency within the citizens' or family radio service bands in accordance with rules of the Federal Communications Commission;
- A person using a function of the mobile communication device that allows for only one way voice communication while the person is:
 1. Operating a motor vehicle in the scope of the person's employment;
 2. Providing transit services to persons with disabilities or to senior citizens; or
 3. Participating in public safety or emergency service activities

Driving the Distance for Kids...



This year you helped us raise \$21, 847 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon! This was enough to adopt the wishes of four special children who need to experience the hope and joy that having their grandest wish granted can bring them. As you read their stories of please remember that your participation helped make these kids dreams come true! Thank you again form a wonderful golf tournament-we look forward to seeing many of you next year!



Arian, age 11

I wish to go...to the French Open

Arian, who is fighting Burkitt's lymphoma, conjured up a BIG wish in his mind. When his volunteers asked for his one-true-wish, the young tennis player explained he wanted nothing more than to go to the French Open in Paris. When Arian requested this wish in April, he thought it would be granted in 2012 due to the complexity of an international wish. Thanks to Kadel's, we had the resources to make it happen much more quickly. Arian and his family already had passports. And, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of France had access to the sold-out tickets. The stars truly aligned, and we sent Arian and his family on their magical trip just ONE MONTH later.

Karissa, age 3

I wish to go...to Walt Disney World Resort

Three year-old Karissa did not hesitate when wish-granters asked her what she wished for. She wanted to meet the Disney® princesses! Karissa has an atrioventricular canal defect, a problem in the lower part of the heart that connects the upper chambers to the lower chambers. Her magical wish started early when a limousine picked her and her family up at 3:45 a.m. to head to PDX. Although it was early, she was wide awake and very excited. She stayed at Give Kids the World in Orlando, FL where she got special treatment as she ate ice cream, played life-size games of Candy Land and attended the Princess Party. She met all of the princesses and her wish gave her a week to forget about her illness and just be a kid!



Jaden, age 9

I wish to go...to Star Wars Weekend

You never know where the Force will take you! Jaden is a Star Wars fanatic and his wish to go to Star Wars Weekend, an annual special event at Disney's Hollywood Studios theme park that celebrates the Star Wars Saga was very special. This guy didn't waste any time while at Hollywood Studios. The Foundation arranged for him to hone his light saber skills and prepare to do battle with Darth Vader himself at the Jedi Training Academy as well as test his wits before the Jedi Council at the Padawan Mind Challenge. His Star Wars themed wish was a much-needed break from his battle with a brain tumor.

David, age 11

I wish to meet...The New York Yankees

Take me out to the ball game! Huge New York Yankee Fan, David, who is fighting a form of childhood bone cancer, got his wish to meet his favorite Major League Baseball team! He and his family flew to NYC where David was able to attend a Yankees game at Yankee Stadium. But that's not all... The Foundation arranged behind-the-scenes access for him where he interviewed the coaches, attended pre-game batting practice, met his favorite players and got to hang out in the dugout before heading out to his seats to enjoy the game with his family. What a fantastic way to forget about being sick!

