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SACTA is the independent non-profit association representing the cellular communications equipment manufacturers and network operators within the Republic of South Africa.

SACTA aims to provide a source of credible information, guidance, co-operation and communication for the local and global telecommunications industry, the public, Regulator and Government on matters relating to radio frequency emissions.

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## SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE DRIVING

Did you know that as from 1 August 2000 \* the holding of the mobile phone in one or both hands or any other part of the body while driving is prohibited?

The South African Cellular Telecommunications Association (SACTA) recognises the vital importance of responsible driving and has therefore drafted this brochure for your information.

Millions of South Africans utilise the unique benefits of safety, value and convenience provided by mobile telecommunications. However, an important responsibility accompanies these benefits. When behind the wheel, driving carefully and responsibly is your first priority.

The use of handsfree mobile phone devices, such as a carkit or other handsfree device, allows drivers to maintain complete control of the vehicle. These devices also help the driver to keep full concentration on the road and ensures adherence to the regulation referred to in the footnote.

**Definition for Handsfree** "Accessories that allow you to use your phone without requiring the use of your hands."

SACTA urges the public to practice good common sense when using a mobile phone behind the wheel and provides the following suggestions to assist drivers who use mobile phones:

- **Always use a mobile handsfree or carkit device when driving and talking on your mobile phone.**
- **When you turn on your phone and before you have started driving, check that your handsfree device is on and is working.**
- **Ensure that your handset is securely mounted and will not detach itself whilst the vehicle is moving.**
- **Get to know your mobile phone and its features, especially speed/voice dial and redial.**
- **Pre-program important and/or frequently dialled numbers.**
- **Dial when the vehicle is not moving.**
- **Let the person you are speaking to know that you driving or if necessary suspend the call in heavy traffic and hazardous weather conditions.**
- **Do not take notes or search for phone numbers whilst driving rather pull the vehicle over to a safe spot at the side of the road, however, not in an emergency lane or a freeway.**

- **Do not write telephone numbers or other information down whilst driving - a suggestion is to make use of SMS (Short Message Service) to receive written details for later use.**
- **Do not engage in a stressful or emotional conversation that may divert your attention from the road.**
- **Use your mobile phone to call for help in any emergency by dialling 112.**

**It must be stressed that  
-when you are behind the wheel-  
driving carefully and  
responsibly should  
be your first  
and utmost priority.**