

No Cell Phones in a School Zone Law

Vehicular Phone Use in School Zones. According to the law:

"A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone"

The State of Illinois as a whole does address driving and *cell-phone* use by minors and by operators of a school bus. Starting January 1st, 2008 SB140 prohibits **drivers under the age of 19**, from using a cellular device or any type of **hand-held** communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

The Illinois text messaging law went into effect on January 1st, 2010. According to the law:

"A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message"

And goes on to define an "electronic message" as;

"Electronic message" includes, but is not limited to electronic mail, a text message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an Internet site."

There are exceptions however including emergencies, public safety officials and the following;

"A driver using an electronic communication device in [hands-free](#) or voice-activated mode