

Safety Alert

Mobile Phones & Driving



The Problem

Workers have been using mobile devices (including mobile phones and tablets) while operating vehicles or other mobile plant.

Any causal factors, including human factors, that might impair safe vehicle operation are a concern.

Maxima does not wish to see anyone injured at the workplace. Any incident involving a vehicle or mobile plant can be fatal.

The Risks

Driving while using a hand-held mobile device can cause both physical and mental distraction which impairs driving performance.

Driving performance is impaired if using a mobile phone while driving, resulting in:

- > longer braking reaction times
- > slower reaction to traffic signals
- > impaired ability to keep in the correct lane
- > shorter following distances.

Australian driver survey results and other research reveals that using a mobile phone while driving increases the risk of crashing by at least four times (the most common being 'run-off-the-road' and 'rear end' crashes).

The Solution



If you need to use your mobile phone, stop and park safely where you will not endanger yourself or other road users. This applies if you need to make an emergency call.

Please speak with your placement consultant if you have any queries or concerns regarding the use of mobile phones while working.