# Distracted Driving

The Black Diamond Police Department participates in the Distracted Driving Campaign with other police agencies in the area. This enforcement targets DUI, seatbelt violations, speeders and distracted driving. This year, the State of Washington passed a distracted-driving law which prevents any driver from using an electronic driving device while driving.

Texting is already illegal, as is holding a cellphone at the ear. Drivers often bypass those rules, or evade them by holding a phone between the legs, or just below the chin.

The new bill forbids handheld uses, including composing or reading any kind of message, picture or data and Drivers also cannot use handheld devices while at a stop sign or red-light signal.

## NEW DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW

- No hand-held cell phone use
- Hands –free use is allowed
- Dangerously Distracted-you can get a $99 ticket for other distractions such as grooming, smoking, eating or reading.
- Costs-The first ticket will cost $136.00. Get a ticket again within five years, and those tickets cost at least $234.00.
- Unlike current law, which exempts cell phone violations from being reported to insurance companies, all violations will be available to insurance companies.