

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOL/CONSTRUCTION ZONES**

## **CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA/INHALING SECONDHAND SMOKE WHILE IN A VEHICLE**

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# Electronic Devices in School and Construction Zones

- Oklahoma Legislature enacted HB 2263 which prohibits the use of handheld electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle in designated school zones and active construction or maintenance work zones
- Law became effective November 1, 2025
- Allows local law enforcement to issue citations in Municipal Court, improving safety near schools and construction areas
- Ensures consistency with state law and enhance local enforcement within the city limits

- Makes it unlawful for any driver to operate a motor vehicle while manually using, holding or supporting a handheld electronic device within a marked school zone during posted hours or an active construction zone where workers are present
- Punishable by total fine and court costs of not more than \$100
- Exceptions include use of hands-free/voice activated system, emergency communication with law enforcement, fire or medical personnel and emergency vehicle operators performing official duties
- Requires driver consent to officer to confiscate phone to determine if violation occurred
- Goal to reduce distractions that lead to crashes, keep road workers safe, and protect school children and cross guards in school zones

# Consumption of marijuana/inhaling secondhand marijuana smoke while in a vehicle

- Oklahoma legislature enacted SB 786; took effect November 1, 2025
- Unlawful for a person operating a motor vehicle on a public highway, street or alley to consume marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Prohibits inhaling secondhand marijuana smoke from another person's consumption while operating a motor vehicle
- Both active and passive exposure to marijuana smoke are prohibited
- Fine is \$200 plus court costs

- Further prohibits possession of an open container of marijuana within the passenger area of a motor vehicle
- Open container is defined as any container whose seal is broken, has been opened, or is otherwise not fully sealed in original packaging
- Passenger area includes all portions of the vehicle accessible to occupants, excluding a locked truck or enclosed compartment
- Supports public health objectives, provide clear enforcement authority and maintain consistency with state law

# QUESTIONS?

