

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
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- 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
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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
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- 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
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QUESTIONS?

