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You can't concentrate on the road and your mobile phone.



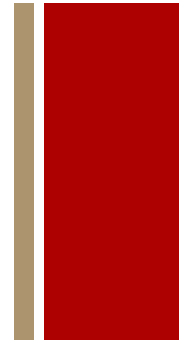


Keep your eyes on the road, not your phone.



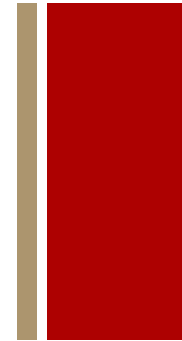
+ The law

- It's illegal to use a handheld mobile when driving.
- This includes using your mobile phone to follow a map, read a text or check social media. This applies even if you're stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.
- You can only use a handheld phone if you are safely parked or need to call 999 or 112 in an emergency and it's unsafe or impractical to stop.
- If you're caught using a handheld phone while driving, you'll get 3 penalty points on your licence and a fine of £100. Points on your licence will result in higher insurance costs.
- If you get just 6 points in the first two years after passing your test, you will lose your licence.
- You may use a hands-free phone while driving but you can still be prosecuted if you're not in proper control of your vehicle. The penalties are same as being caught using a handheld phone.



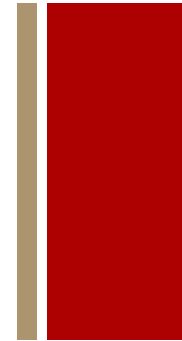
+ Are things about to change?

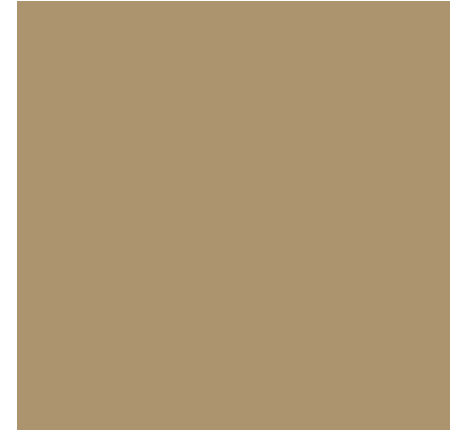
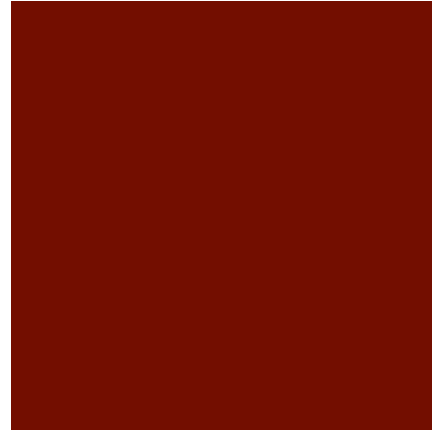
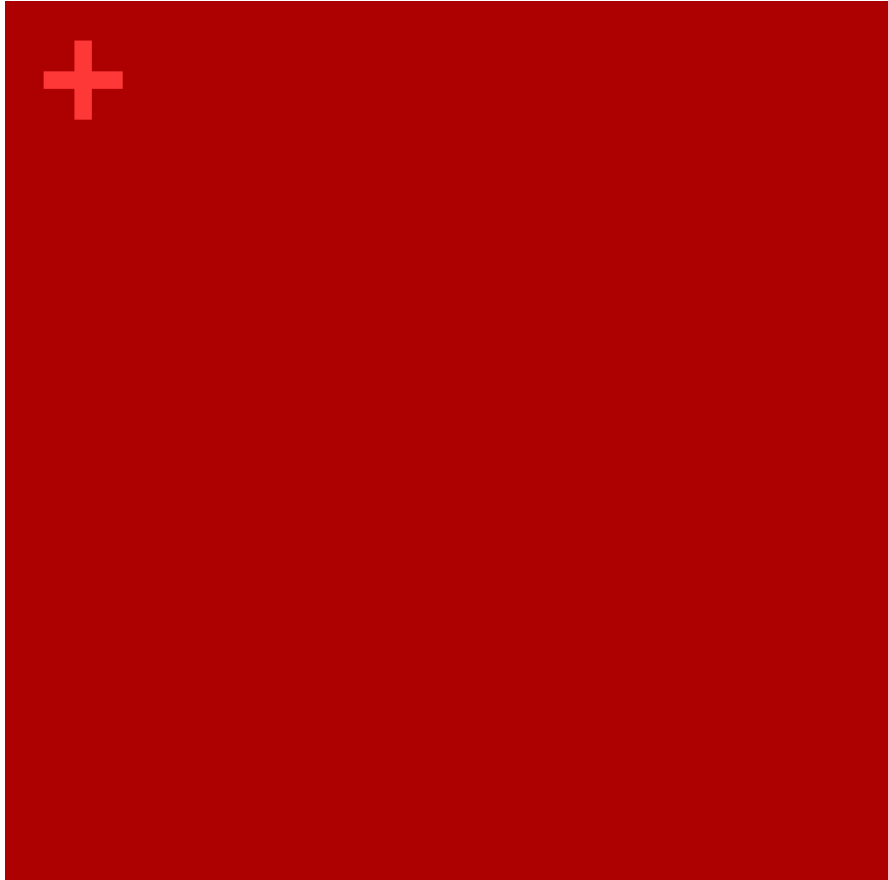
- This week the government have said that they will increase punishments for driving while using your mobile phone
- Almost one-third (31%) of motorists admit to using a handheld phone behind the wheel compared to just 8% in 2014
- Some say: “The current fines and points are not enough of a deterrent. We need to double the fines and double the penalty points to have a real impact.”
- <https://audioboom.com/boos/2358923-texting-mobile-phones-campaign>



+ A culture that this is ok?

- Has it become acceptable to use a phone while driving?
- Why has this happened?
- How can we change this?
- Would you increase the punishment?
- Or how would you educate people to change their habits?





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