



USE OF MOBILE PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTION

Compliance is Mandatory for All Instructors

To ensure the safety of our candidates, instructors, and other road users, the use of mobile phones, sat-navs, tablets, or any electronic devices is strictly prohibited while instructing.



When delivering training, instructors must remain fully focused on the candidate and the driving environment at all times. Personal device use - including calls, texting, social media, browsing, or route-programming - is strictly prohibited during lessons.

Legal Framework & UK Law

As a professional instructor, you are bound by UK law (strengthened in March 2022). Failure to comply is a criminal offence:

- **Supervising Means Driving:** It is illegal for an instructor to use any handheld device while a learner is driving.
- **Stationary Still Counts:** The law applies even when stopped at traffic lights, in congestion, or when a stop-start engine is active.
- **Hands-Free Restrictions:** Navigation devices must be securely cradled and must not obstruct your view. You can still be prosecuted if a hands-free device distracts you from safe supervision.

Penalties & Consequences

Violations compromise safety and training quality. Non-compliance triggers immediate internal disciplinary action alongside legal penalties:

Immediate Points & Fine

A £200 fixed penalty and 6 points

Loss of Profession

Immediate removal from the ADI Register upon receiving 6 penalty points.

Vocational Suspension

A minimum 4-week suspension of your professional HGV/PCV licence by the Traffic Commissioner.

Company Disciplinary

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Exceptions & Operational Rules

Mobile phones and other electronic devices may only be used for work-related purposes under the following strict conditions:

- The vehicle must be safely parked.
- The engine must be switched OFF.
- The surrounding environment must be secure.

PROTECT YOUR LICENCE AND YOUR STUDENT. PUT ALL HANDHELD DEVICES AWAY BEFORE YOU START TRAINING.