



Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program Texting and Talking on Cell Phones While Driving Guidelines

Of increasing concern to the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program are the dangers of distracted driving. Recent deadly crashes involving drivers distracted by talking and texting while driving highlight a growing danger on our roads. Numerous studies have demonstrated how the use of hand-held cell phones while driving pose a significant safety risk to motorists, their passengers and others on the road. In fact, according the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2008, nearly 6,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver.

Therefore, CRY-ROP is implementing guidelines regarding texting or talking on a hand-held phone while operating a company vehicle or while using a company issued cell phone while operating a personal vehicle. This includes, but is not limited to, answering or making phone calls, engaging in phone conversations, reading or responding to e-mails and text messages.

CRY-ROP employees are required to:

- Use a hands free cell phone device.
- Turn cell phones off or put on silent or vibrate before starting the car.
- Pull over to a safe place if a call must be made or received while on the road.
- Consider modifying voice mail greeting to indicate that you are unavailable to answer calls or return messages while driving.
- Inform clients, associates and business partners of this policy as an explanation of why calls may not be returned immediately.

CRY-ROP is concerned about the safety of its employees. It is our goal that if we lead by example, the practice of no texting or talking on hand-held cell phones while behind the wheel will spread throughout the community. The above guidance is reinforced in CRY-ROP Governing Board Policy 3513.1

Below is a Statement of Acknowledgement that says you have read and fully understand the CRY-ROP guidance. Please sign it and return it to Human Resources. If you have any questions regarding this guidance please contact Human Resources at (909) 793-3115.

I fully understand the terms of this policy and agree to abide by them.

Employee Signature

Date

Employee Name (printed)