



## APPLICATION FOR APPROVED DRIVER CARD

*PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SPACES---INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED*

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# (OR CWID) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVERS LICENSE #: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBLE SCHOOL/DEPT: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBLE SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

1. HAS ANY INSURANCE COMPANY EITHER CANCELED OR DECLINED INSURANCE FOR YOU DURING THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS?  
YES NO  
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

2. HAVE YOU HAD YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED WITHIN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS?  
YES NO  
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

3. DO YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO DRIVE A VEHICLE?  
YES NO  
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE READ THE APPROVED DRIVER POLICY & CELL PHONE SAFETY. I MEET ALL THE CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE APPROVED DRIVER CARD ONLY LAST FOR TWO YEARS AT WHICH TIME IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS AGAIN FOR RENEWAL.

*APPROVED DRIVER RENEWAL IS NOT AUTOMATIC.*

DATE

SIGNATURE

Approval of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE & MVR TO THE BENEFITS DEPARTMENT. ONCE YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED OR DENIED, YOU AND YOUR CURRENT SUPERVISOR WILL BE NOTIFIED. (HUMAN RESOURCES WILL BE NOTIFIED FOR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE APPLICANTS) APPROVED DRIVERS WILL RECEIVE AN APPROVED DRIVER CARD VALID FOR TWO YEARS AFTER THE ISSUE DATE. MOTOR VEHICLE REPORTS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL STATE PATROL OFFICE. 1ST TIME APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A 7-YR MVR. RENEWALS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ONLY THE 3-YR REPORT.**

## Cell Phone Safety While Driving a Vehicle

*“A message from St Paul Travelers Insurance”*

### Scope

Use of a cell phone while the vehicle is in motion has been banned in several American cities including:

- Brooklyn, Ohio
- New York City, New York

Use of a cell phone while the vehicle is in motion has been banned in eleven countries:

- Australia
- Spain
- Israel
- Portugal
- Italy
- Brazil
- Chile
- Switzerland
- Great Britain
- Singapore
- Taiwan

### Why?

Drivers need 100% of their attention to do one thing – Operate the Motor Vehicle!

### Purpose

This hand-out will communicate the hazards of cell phone use while driving an automotive vehicle.

### Research Results

Researchers at the University of Toronto found that the risk of having a traffic accident while using a cell phone is the same as that while driving drunk. Their findings were published in the New England Journal of Medicine, on 2/13/99. The study used 13 months of accidental data and the phone records of 699 people to track the actual time of the accident and the phone call usage. They also made some statistical adjustments for driving habits. The study showed that cell phone users were 400 to 500 times more likely to get into traffic accidents than those who do not use them. This is significant considering the fact that about 35 million Americans are currently cell phone users and that inattention is the #1 cause of accidents in America. “Telephones that allowed the hands to be free did not appear to be safer than hand-held telephones,” the study said. This may indicate that the main factor in most motor vehicle collisions is driver’s limitation in attention rather than dexterity.” An editorial by Malcolm Maclure of the Harvard School of Public Health and Murray Mittleman of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center said the research was the first direct evidence that the use of cellular telephones in cars contributes to roadway collisions. The Toronto study by Dr. Donald Redelmeier and Robert Tibshirani said the risk “is similar to the hazard associated with driving with a blood alcohol level above the legal limit.” Although the cellular phone industry took issue with the findings and felt that the study was flawed, there were additional benefits found in this research:

- The risk of an accident was nearly five times higher than normal when a person was on the telephone one minute or five minutes before the accident. The typical call in the study lasted nearly 2 1/2 minutes.
- The collision rate was four times higher than expected when the call was made less than 15 minutes before the accident.
- Only after the driver had been off the phone for more than 15 minutes did the risk seem to dissipate.
- Younger and older drivers with a cell phone face the same risk.
- “Subjects with many years of experience in using a cellular telephone still had a significant increase in risk,” but the highest risk was among people who had not graduated from high school.

### **Legal Ramifications**

- Recent trends indicate that one of the first actions of plaintiff’s attorneys following automobile accidents are to subpoena the cellular phone bills of the defendant.
- Several court cases involving the accusation of negligence while using a cell phone and driving have resulted in multi-million dollar awards.

### **Safety Tips**

- Cellular phones are not to be used while operating any vehicle on company business.
- Use your cell phone only when parked, or have a passenger use it.
- Never dial the phone or take notes while driving.
- If your phone rings while driving, let the cellular voice mail service take the call and listen to the message later when you are parked.
- Make sure the phone is easy to see and reach, but only for use in emergencies.
- Get to know your phone and its features (such as speed dial and redial).

### **Conclusion**

Using a cell phone while driving leads to an increased risk of having an accident through a lack of attention to your driving duties. **IT IS BETTER NOT TO DRIVE WHILE TALKING ON YOUR CELL PHONE!!!!!!!!!!** If you think the cell phone topic is that important, then pull off the road and take care of it. Don’t risk it, it only takes one mistake.