

Veterans Health Administration Policy

It is prohibited to utilize text or enter data on electronic equipment when driving vehicles for government business (definitions are in the following slides).

Who and what does this order cover?

- All Federal employees who drive government vehicles and electronic equipment that are owned, leased or rented
- Privately owned vehicles and electronic devices used for government purposes while driving
- Navigation equipment
- Contractors and recipients are encouraged to adopt similar policies

What is driving under the order?

- Operating a motor vehicle on an active roadway
- With the motor running, including while temporarily stationary
- Because of traffic, a traffic light or stop sign, or otherwise

What is not driving under the order?

- Operating a motor vehicle with or without the motor running when
- Pulled over to the side of, or off, an active roadway and
- Halted in a location where one can safely remain stationary.

What is texting under the order?

- Reading from or entering data
- Into any handheld or other electronic device,
- Including for the purpose of SMS texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information,
- or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication.

Can I use a GPS Unit?

- You may follow GPS Unit Information if:
 - You preprogram your unit outside your vehicle
 - You program your unit from a stationary position inside your vehicle
- You may not actively drive and reprogram a GPS at the same time.

Reference

- [Executive Order 13513](#)