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The use of cellphones by drivers continues to be a topic of debate among decision-makers, researchers, traffic safety advocates and the public. This list includes reports, articles, news stories and websites related to the use of cellphones while driving and the issue of the distracted driver.

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The use of cellphones by drivers is a topic of debate among decision-makers, researchers, traffic safety advocates and the public.

Various jurisdictions around the world now restrict the types of cellphones and electronic devices used by drivers. Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Quebec ban hand-held cellphone use by all drivers. Prince Edward Island restricts new drivers from using cellphones or any hand-held electronic device while driving. In Ontario, legislation was passed in April to ban text messaging and the use of hand-held cellphones. The law comes into force on October 26, 2009. Manitoba has introduced similar legislation but is planning to launch a public awareness campaign before proclaiming the legislation in 2010.

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