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INSIGHTS FROM THE ROAD

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PUT THE PHONE DOWN: DISTRACTED DRIVING LAWS IN MB & SK

It's illegal to use a hand-held electronic device while driving. Since November 1, 2018, a first-time violation of the law in Manitoba results in a three-day license suspension. Subsequent offences within 10 years net a seven-day license suspension. At the end of the suspension, drivers must pay a \$50 fee to get their license back. Convicted drivers must also pay a \$672 fine and receive five demerits on the Driver Safety Rating Scale.

In Saskatchewan, currently, a distracted driving ticket¹ costs the recipient \$280 plus four demerits, with vehicle seizures for repeat offenders. Starting Feb. 1, 2020, the cost of a ticket will more than double, and the cost of subsequent tickets will escalate. Here are the consequences distracted drivers can expect:

- First offence - \$580 ticket plus four demerits.
- Second offence within a year of being convicted of the first - \$1,400 ticket, plus an additional four demerits, plus an immediate, seven-day vehicle seizure. Vehicle owners are responsible for the towing and impound fees (cost varies according to mileage, but expect to pay approximately \$400 at least).
- Third offence within a year of conviction of the first - \$2,100 ticket, plus four more demerits and another seven-day vehicle seizure.

BLACKOUT DATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In compliance with the Consumer Protection Acts, the following are the black out dates by province:

- Manitoba: December 25, 26 January 1
- Saskatchewan: December 25, 26, January 1

[See more blackout dates](#)

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