

The influence of mobile phones on driving.

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The talk will trace the history of research on driver behaviour and carphones from the 1960's through to recent studies. Three propositions will be examined.

1. Talking on handsfree sets is better than on handheld sets
2. Talking on a carphone is no worse than talking to a front seat passenger
3. Talking on a carphone is no worse than many other activities drivers routinely engage in.

Data from a series of experiments conducted in simulators and on real roads will be reviewed. The implications from the research literature for policy development and legislation will be discussed, and examples of current legislation in other countries will be given.