Western Dakota Technical College Policy Number: 6010

DISTRACTED DRIVING

I. Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to promote the safety of Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) employees while driving.

II. General Statement of Policy

A. The policy of WDTC is to improve overall safety while operating a vehicle for College business. It is expected that drivers will not create, send, or review text messages or email; access the internet; read content on an electronic device or in paper form; or play electronic games while driving. Employees must find a safe location to pull over and stop before attempting these actions.

B. South Dakota law does allow drivers to use cell phones as a GPS device as long as they are not used interactively.

C. This policy does not apply to persons performing duties in emergency situations or as a first responder.

III. Definitions – None

IV. Reporting Procedures – None

V. Dissemination of Policy and Training

A. This policy shall appear on the WDTC website on the policy webpage.

Legal References:

SD Codified Law §32-26-47.1 – Use of mobile device – Prohibitions – Exceptions
S.D.C.L. §32-26-47.2 – Social networking sites – Prohibitions

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