

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