

SAFETY BULLETIN

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Area of Concern Darwin Airside

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This **Safety Bulletin** is issued to remind all airside drivers that when operating a vehicle on the airside, **drivers must not answer or use a hand-held mobile phone, iPad or other mobile device.**

Statistics show that the risk of driving accidents is four times higher when drivers are using their mobile phones, and investigations of significant airside driving incidents at DIA show that one of the primary contributory factors in the majority of incidents is **driver distraction** resulting in **loss of situational awareness.**



In addition, all other functions including texting, messaging, reading or sending emails are prohibited when driving a vehicle on the airside.

Use of a mobile device or phone when driving on the airside is a breach of the rules for driving airside and any occurrences can result in demerit penalty points being issued in accordance with the Airside Vehicle Control Handbook (and Airside Drivers Guide).

Drivers can only use a mobile phone to make or receive calls whilst driving airside when using an acceptable hands-free device whereby:

- The mobile phone is secured in a fixed mounting; or
- Use of mobile phone does not require the driver to touch or manipulate the phone in any way (e.g. Bluetooth) – note use of ear buds or headphones is not permitted.

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