

New law allows cellphones to be impounded

Anyone caught talking on a mobile phone - or sending text messages from it - while driving will have their device impounded for 24 hours and will have to pay R500 to get it released the following day, according to *News24*.

These are the consequences of a new bylaw in Cape Town and *The Cape Times* says the law is aimed at reducing road accidents and deaths in the province.

Fin24 quotes the newspaper as saying that according to Cape Town's JP Smith, the mayoral committee member for safety and security, Cape Town is the only city in the country where road deaths were steadily decreasing having fallen from 1 739 deaths in 2008 to 1 321 in 2011. The confiscated cellphones will have to be collected from the Gallows Hill Traffic Department in Green Point.

For more:

- *IOL*: [Cape Times](#).
- *News24*: [Cape Town cellphone law in effect](#)