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To: HEADS UP Vancouver and Okanagan

From: Lisa Castle, Associate Vice-President, Human Resources

CC: HR Networks / Administrators

Re: New Legislation on Hand Held Electronic Devices / Impact on Those Operating UBC Vehicles

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind you of the law coming into effect on January 1, 2010 regarding driving and the use of hand held cell phones and other electronic devices while operating UBC vehicles.

Effective January 1, the use of hand held devices while driving will be prohibited. Use includes operating (other than for 9-1-1 calls) or holding, sending or reading e-mails and/or texting. The new law provides for fines and penalty points. Only one-touch built in or secured hands-free devices will be permitted to be used while driving.

To view these important changes to the *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA), visit http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2009PSSG0028-000513.htm.

Please communicate this reminder to those faculty and staff who operate UBC vehicles during the course of their work.

This new legal requirement should not normally result in the installation of hands free systems into UBC vehicles. Should a Faculty/Department believe it is necessary to do so for operational requirements, they should make the necessary arrangements from their resources.