

Survey Reveals 60 Percent of Polled Washington Drivers Don't Know When State's Hands-free Legislation Goes Into Effect

New law will impact nearly 4.6 million drivers in Washington State

Lynnwood, WA ([PRWeb](#)) May 18, 2008 -- Despite the imminent nature of Washington and California's new legislation requiring all drivers to use hands-free devices while talking on cell phones, many are unfamiliar with the details of the law, including when it goes into effect and the consequences for non-compliance. According to a new survey by TNS and [Plantronics](#), Inc. (NYSE: PLT), the worldwide leader in communication headsets, 60 percent of Washington drivers don't know when the new law goes into effect and 78 percent don't have a strong familiarity with what it encompasses.

On July 1, 2008, Washington will introduce its new hands-free legislation affecting 4.6 million drivers.¹ The Plantronics survey, which polled 400 licensed drivers in Washington, also found that 40 percent of respondents weren't familiar with the consequences for not complying with the law. Other findings include:

- Sixty percent of Washington drivers admitted to regularly talking on their [cell phones](#) while driving; their primary reasons were:
 - o To keep in touch with family members (63 percent)
 - o To take care of work-related issues (19 percent)
 - o To catch up with friends (8 percent)
- Sixty percent of Washington drivers believe that headsets help eliminate physical distractions when performing driving tasks
- Seventy-five percent of Washington drivers would recommend that their friends and loved ones use a headset

"It's important for Washington drivers to not only familiarize themselves with the hands-free law, but also the options available to them to ensure compliance before the law goes into effect," said Bill Nosworthy, President of [NTD Telecommunications](#). "We recognize that Washington drivers have many different needs, so we offer a wide variety of Plantronics headsets that fit individual preferences and style; these headsets deliver the audio performance, ease-of-use and comfort that customers have come to expect for the past 47 years."

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