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Navy Begins Crack Down On Cell Phone Usage

The Navy will begin to issue warnings to all motorists who are pulled over for using non-hands-free cell phones while driving on Navy installations starting March 1.

This restriction follows a Department of Defense regulation banning the use of non-hands free cell phones on military installations unless the vehicle is safely parked.

A maximum of three points could be added to a motorist's driving record if cited for using a cell phone while driving. Service members who are caught will not only have these points added, but they could face penalties for failure to obey an order or regulation under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The restriction not only applies to service members who drive on Navy installations, but also to their families, civilian employees and visitors to the base, as well.

This regulation will be enforced inside the fence line of the base, and in the vicinity of the Navy Exchange and any other areas that are patrolled by Navy law enforcement.

