



## Grand Forks Texting Ban

Effective October 15, 2010 it is illegal to text while operating a vehicle in the city of Grand Forks. (Some exceptions apply for things such as reporting a crime, emergency vehicles, etc). Talking on or dialing a cell phone is not included in the ban.

**This ordinance was passed because texting while driving increases your chance of being in a crash by 23 times (2300%). This is as dangerous as driving a car while under the influence of alcohol.**

**What will happen if I am caught?** The fine is \$15 and police officers are able to ticket those in violation. Safe Kids Grand Forks however does not want to focus on the ticket as much as the fact that texting and driving is **DANGEROUS**. People should avoid this behavior not because of the fear of a ticket, but in an effort to keep those in the car and others on the streets safe. So, do the right thing and put your cell phone down while in the car. You might just save a life!!