

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE POLICY

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE

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Research has shown that participating in additional activities while operating a vehicle can be very dangerous due to what has been termed “inattentive blindness”. Lafayette College requires that all employees, students, and volunteers act responsibly so as not to endanger their lives or the lives of others. Therefore, it is the College’s policy that such additional activities, be postponed or interrupted until such time that the employee, student, or volunteer can participate in the activity without compromising safety. Safe driving is always the primary responsibility of members of the College community.

The use of wireless communication devices, with the exceptions noted in the following paragraph, is prohibited while operating any vehicle (whether College owned, rented, or privately owned) both on and off campus, at any time, while on College business. Further, members of the College community should not dial, write, type, program GPS devices, or text while operating a vehicle on College business. If a community member must engage in any of these activities, before doing so he / she must pull over to a safe location off the roadway and out of traffic, stop, and park the vehicle. Stopping in a roadway breakdown lane or on a roadway shoulder is, by its very nature, dangerous and therefore is not considered a safe location by Lafayette College.

Lafayette College acknowledges that members of the Public Safety and Plant Operations departments may use College provided two-way radios in the performance of their daily duties. These employees are reminded to use these devices in such a manner so as not to compromise safety.