



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Text Messaging While Driving and Performing Work under Federal Grant or Contract

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Scope

This policy applies to all Indiana University faculty, staff and students performing work under a federal grant or contract that requires compliance with this Executive Order.

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that, when applicable, Indiana University complies with Presidential Documents: Executive Order 13513 of October 1, 2009, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving."

It is the policy of Indiana University to comply with Presidential Documents: Executive Order 13513 of October 1, 2009, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving" (<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-24203.pdf>). Consistent with this Executive Order, all Indiana University faculty, staff, agents, and students shall not engage in text messaging when driving

federally-owned vehicles or while driving any vehicle, including personally owned vehicles, when performing work under a federal grant or contract that requires compliance with this Executive Order.

Reason for Policy

Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, was signed by President Barack Obama on October 1, 2009 (ref.: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-24203.pdf>). This Executive Order requires granting and contracting agencies to encourage award recipients and contractors of the Federal Government to adopt and enforce policies that prohibit the use of text messaging while driving federally or institutionally owned vehicles, or while driving personally owned vehicles when performing any work for or on behalf of the government. Agencies have begun to require the adoption and enforcement of such policies as a condition of receiving federal contracts and grants. This policy is intended to comply with those portions of the Executive Order that reflect the appropriate scope of Executive branch authority, namely, the ban on texting while driving federally owned vehicles or any vehicle when performing work for or on behalf of the government.

Procedures

The Office of Research Administration will disseminate the policy requirements by posting it on the policy website, announcing it at meetings of campus research administrators, and sharing it through the ORA listserv. The principal investigator will be responsible for ensuring that staff working on the sponsored project are aware of the requirements of this policy.

Definitions

“Texting” or “Text Messaging” means reading from or entering data into any handheld or other electronic device, including for the purpose of SMS texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication.

Sanctions

University faculty, staff, agents, and students that are found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to sanctions relating to the individual’s employment and/or their participation in federally funded sponsored projects.

Additional Contacts

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Forms

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Related Information

This policy applies to all federal grant and contracts funded to Indiana University, whether awarded by the federal government directly to Indiana University or awarded to another entity and “passed-through” to Indiana University.

History

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