

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

The South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) encourages physicians to educate their patients regarding the public health risks of text messaging while operating motor vehicles or machinery and shall actively lobby for legislation to decrease distracted driving injuries and fatalities that banning the use of electronic communication such as texting, taking photos or video and posting on social media while operating a motor vehicle.

Further, the SDSMA will support public education efforts regarding the dangers of distracted driving – particularly those activities that take drivers' eyes off the road and/or include the use of earbuds or headphones while driving.

AUTHORITY

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