

ORDERS & INSTRUCTIONS

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SUBJECT: USE OF MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON THE AIR OPERATIONS
AREA AT WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1. PURPOSE

This Orders & Instructions (O&I) prohibits the use of mobile electronic devices on the Air Operations Area (AOA) of Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles Airport) except in the limited circumstances set forth below.

2. DISTRIBUTION

This O&I is distributed to Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority) department levels and above, all airlines, tenants, and service concessionaires at Dulles Airport.

3. BACKGROUND

The AOA is a dynamic and dangerous environment requiring individuals to be constantly aware of their surroundings, particularly while in close proximity to aircraft, vehicles, and mechanized equipment. The ability to identify potential threats and hazards on the AOA can be dramatically reduced by the use of electronic devices. Electronic devices can distract the senses and increase the likelihood of avoidable accidents. The frequent use of electronic devices has necessitated the creation of a standard of conduct regarding the use of these devices for all individuals working on the AOA.

4. POLICY

The use of mobile electronic devices, including but not limited to: cell phones, text messaging or paging devices, personal digital assistant, laptop computer, iPod, MP3 Player, video game or digital photographic device, is prohibited while operating any vehicle on the AOA. The use of mobile electronic devices by individuals on foot is permitted provided they are not within the vicinity of vehicle service roads, mobile lounge docks, or areas associated with aircraft movement.

The following persons shall be exempt from this requirement:

- a. Emergency responders using a mobile electronic device while in the performance and scope of their official duties.
- b. Drivers using two-way radios while in the performance and scope of their work-related duties.

5. ENFORCEMENT

Individuals found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to the assignment of three (3) points on their airport driving records in accordance with O&I, IAD 3-2-2A (current edition), Airfield Vehicle Control Program, Point System, Violation Section, "failure to obey markings, signs, signals and instructions." More serious infractions related to the inappropriate use of mobile electronic devices while operating a vehicle on the Dulles AOA may result in loss of AOA privileges.



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