

Persuasive Essay Outline

Subject: the use of cell phones while driving

Occasion: today's safety

Audience: today's drivers

Purpose: to promote safe driving and demote the use of cell phones while driving

Speaker:

I. Introduction 1: Hooking the reader with a short tale depicting a situation where this controversial topic arises.

1. Who? A driver
2. When? Late at night
3. Where? Random street
4. What? Situation where an accident could have happened
(*use detailed descriptions) → build tone

II. Introduction 2:

1. Background of your subject

Using a cell phone while driving is not safe at all and may impair your driving skills, slow your reactions, distract your thoughts, and handicap your judgment.

2. General information on your subject

The precise effects of cell phone use on public safety are unknown; however, because of the possible increase in risks associated with the use of cell phones while driving, several legislative efforts have been made to restrict cell phone use on the road.

3. Your position

I am against the use of cellular phones while driving.

A. Why?

- 1) Prior research has established that the manual manipulation of equipment has a negative impact on driving.
- 2) Most of the epidemiological studies to date have found indications of a link between cell phone use and auto accidents.
- 3) Many of my friends, relatives, and correspondences have complained about their share of accidents and its link with the use of cellular phones.