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ARIZONA PASSES NEW CELLPHONE BAN FOR 2021



Distracted driving has long been an issue that puts everyone on the road in danger. However, since the popularity of mobile devices has skyrocketed over the past decade, distracted driving accidents have also skyrocketed. Thankfully, the government of Arizona has finally decided to act.

THE NEW RULES

If you are a driver in Arizona, then you need to be aware of the new rules, and how they could impact you. While it is never a good idea to use your cellphone while on the road, the new law prohibits specific actions, rather than cellphone use in general.

Under the law you cannot:

- Hold a cellphone at all (including between your cheek and shoulder)
- Read, write, or send texts, emails, or any other text-based communication
- Watch any kind of video
- Record video

However, there are still certain cellphone uses that are allowed under the new law. These include:

- Accepting a call or making a call via swiping the phone briefly
- Using an earpiece, headpiece, or a device on the wrist in order to talk on the phone
- Using voice commands
- Using your phone as a GPS
- Using a hand-held cellphone while stopped at a light or stop sign
- Calling 911 via a held-held cellphone

The fines for breaking the cellphone ban will range from \$75 to \$149. For a second offense, fines range from \$150 to \$250.

The hope is that this new ban will decrease distracted driving accidents in Arizona overall, and help protect other drivers, passengers, and pedestrians alike. However, even the best-laid plans can still have flaws. This ban is contingent on people following the rules.

The best advice: Keep your eyes on the road and save phone use until you reach your destination.



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WELCOME TO WINTER... AND SEDONA!

We were lucky enough to have all the kids at home and got away for an unexpected weekend together. We took the kids to Sedona for a couple nights. Believe it or not - although the kids have lived in Arizona all their lives - we have never taken them to Sedona. We went on a Jeep ride and took the kids horseback riding. Cade wanted to make sure he sat right next to Zev during the jeep tour. It was a little bumpy but Cade thought it was so fun.



Zev seemed to get the smallest horse but he led the pack of horses and kids. Zev didn't seem too interested in the board games and spent most of his time in his room on his phone. I think Zev was enjoying his downtime from law school. All the kids were super happy Zev was at home. Being the oldest, the kids always are vying for Zev's attention - especially Cade.

(Editor's Note from Mark: Zev did get in some TV time... he and Tate spent hours watching some anime show (don't ask) that has like 100 episodes or something. Whatever happened to just catching a rerun of Happy Days?)



Tate has been planning his next summer already. Tate loved the jeep tour and the horseback riding. Tate and Zev spent a lot of time together. Tate is getting ready to have to decide his major now that he is a college sophomore so we spent a lot of time talking about what major he wanted to pick. It seems he is going to go with business management as of now. We went to see the biosphere2 in

Oracle one weekend and we stopped on the way back in Tucson and the kids got to see Tate's apartment and we had dinner with him. I look for any reason to see him!

(Editor's Note from Mark: Tate is now building a team to grow his door-to-door business he started working in last summer. It is hard work - sales is never easy - but Tate is fired up about the prospects of growing it. At the same time, he is regularly bouncing new business ideas off of me. Maybe I should just have Kailey and Tate talk to each other and cut out me as the middleman!)



Talia is still loving her job as swim instructor for little kids. She taught us a lot about swim instruction while in Sedona. Talia gets really upset when people do not work hard at work but she has an entrepreneurial mindset. She always asks what more she can do and goes the extra step and has little patience for team members who do not work hard. I hope we can take some credit for her hard work and ambition!

(Editor's Note from Mark: Talia was complaining the other day about the parents. She thinks the kids are usually great at listening. But in the younger-kid classes that have the parents in the water, she is very frustrated that the little kids listen to her better than the adults!)



Karina was super scared of horseback riding but by the end she was loving it. When her horse started to trot a bit - Karina looked like the horse was on a full out sprint! Karina spent a lot of her time working on her dancing. In fact, whether Sedona or the house, last summer or this winter, you can find Karina working on her dance. Karina has a dance competition coming up and spent a lot of time practicing her dance moves at random times.

(Editor's Note from Mark: Karina will come into our room regularly for the last year to show us what she is working on. The splits, her turns, her attempts to learn some back hand springs... she does not stop. Between Karina and Talia, it feels like there is someone dancing in our house at almost all times.)



Kailey had never played Mastermind before but now she's a master. If you haven't played Mastermind we defiantly recommend it. Kailey enjoyed all her time with Mark talking about her business - Kailey's Queens - inspiring middle school girls with confidence. She loves to talk to Mark about business plans and strategy every second. She even started doing Zoom birthday parties and the parents and kids rave about it. She has been on TV a bunch of times and is excited about all her growth. If you want to check her business out go to KaileysQueens.com

(Editor's Note from Mark: Kailey is passionate about her business. She is always trying to reach new girls and will call us at all hours to discuss the challenges of being a small business owner with a dream to change lives for the better. Why she feels midnight is often a good time to call us to discuss these things, I do not know.)



Ariella turned 18 which was super exciting! She also is officially the longest decision maker in Mastermind. It took her thirty minutes to make one move so we had to institute time rules. Mark made some bets with the girls for winning against them so then they started to take a long time to make a decision. Ariella has been waiting on college acceptances and was excited for all the attention she got on her 18th birthday.

(Editor's Note from Mark: This girl! She came up with her birthday plans about two months before her birthday. She created an entire PowerPoint. She made it into a 3-day event. She assembled a list of about 30 businesses that give you something free on your birthday and probably went to about six! I have to say she made it the best weekend possible in spite of some of the real-world Covid restrictions that existed.)



Pierce liked Sedona but he would have been happy watching sports all day. Pierce loves history and especially with sports he can remember everything that happens in each game and who did what. He spent most of his time watching sports except when we were on the jeep or horseback riding. He got a little chuckle out of Karina being so scared on the horse but only because he knew she would be fine. When Karina's horse started trotting he was the first to make sure she was OK.

(Editor's Note from Mark: I saw that differently. Karina was nervous on the horse as it was walking. At the last moment - near the barn - the horse started a trot back. Karina was scared... which had Pierce laughing hysterically as his sister was scared. Yes, he checked on her to make sure she was ok... but only while also laughing at his little sister!)



Cade also mastered Jenga and Uno while we were in Sedona. We usually do not play a lot of board games as a family but we did over this weekend and it was actually a lot of fun. Not surprisingly the kids were very competitive.

(Editor's Note from Mark: Alexis forgot Mastermind, another game we all played a lot. Cade decided to bet me that he could solve my Mastermind code in 4 steps or less and if he failed he would not ask for pop for three months. He lost... and he has been true to his word and has not asked. So it was like two wins in one for me!)

CASE VICTORIES

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Whenever needed, we will meet with the injured at their home or the hospital due to their injuries to discuss how we can help them. This was the case with our young adult client who was injured in a bicycle accident. The client had used another law group prior to our involvement. The client felt the other law firm did not do anything and was causing a lot of extra stress. Most importantly, the client and his mom were not happy with the lack of communication from the prior firm so they called The Husband And Wife Law Team. Despite the many hurdles of taking on the client mid-case, we were able to negotiate his extensive medical bills to less than 10% of the initial billing along with obtaining a great settlement. Selecting the wrong personal injury firm can be detrimental to your case—choosing the right firm can make all the difference in your case outcome. Our client indicated we “truthfully adjusted [their] expectations.”

RAVING FANS!

Our client’s father was killed while crossing the street not in the crosswalk. When you are outside of the crosswalk liability is obviously a very significant issue. The client had come to us after hiring another lawyer and received a flat out denial from the adverse insurance company. The client discussed the case with our office and although we explained it was a difficult case knowing our reputation for being a strong litigation firm we decided to take the case and see what we could uncover and demand from the insurance company. We immediately filed a lawsuit and did some investigative work to show the other driver was speeding. We sent a demand to the adverse insurance and were able to convince the adverse insurance company to pay policy limits. When you have a reputation for filing suit and winning, like our office, insurance companies are likely to give you better offers and that’s exactly what happened here. They knew our filing suit would mean we would go the whole way even if it meant trial if we did not get a fair offer.

PERSISTENCE WINS

Our client was a passenger on a city bus when the bus stopped suddenly; our client was thrown to the ground, seriously fracturing his ankle. We found video from the city bus showing that another driver had cut off the bus and the bus driver avoided colliding with the car by slamming on the brakes. With this video, we were able to determine the license plate, and through our investigation, we submitted a claim to the driver’s insurance. When people hire us right away, we search the area to get video from buildings and talk to witnesses. Video is often the key evidence and if people do not call us right away, the video and the evidence could be missing or deleted. Often when witnesses see something, their perception of what happened is wrong and the video shows otherwise. By using our expertise for fact gathering and persistence, we obtained a large win for our client and secured liability.

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Mark and Alexis behind the scenes with Mallory at our latest commercial filming.