

## SAMPLE ESSAY

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Dangerous Calls

When a cell phone goes off in a classroom or at a concert, we are irritated, but at least our lives are not endangered. When we are on the road, however, irresponsible cell phone users are more than irritating, they are putting our lives at risk. "Recent research suggests that using a cell phone while driving may be just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated ("Danger Ahead!"). A number of bills to regulate use of cell phones on the road have been introduced to state legislatures, and the time has come to push for their passage. Regulation is needed because drivers using phones are seriously impaired, and laws on negligent and reckless driving are not sufficient to punish offenders.

No one can deny that cell phones have caused traffic accidents. "According to a University of Toronto study, car phone users are four times as likely as other drivers to have an accident" (Terrell and Harmel). Cell phones were implicated in three fatal accidents in November 1999 alone. Two-year-old Morgan Pena was killed by a driver

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