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Volcano	
Assault-1	4th Street
UEMV-1	Nalehua Road



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Major TC-1	Volcano Road / Kuaaina Road
Theft-1	Volcano Road
UCPV-3	Volcano Road x2 Kuaaina Road





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Mountain View	
Assault-5	Ua Nani Road Uhini Ana Road Uau Road Uau Road & Alula Road Ahuahu Place
Burglary-5	Omeka Road Ala Naualani Road Palainui Avenue Pikake Street Kukui Camp Road
Major TC-2	Volcano Road / 18 Mile Marker South Glenwood Road
Theft-5	Volcano Road / Hirano Store Kokokahi Road Makoa Road Ahuahu Place / Dimple Cheek Cafe Ooaa Road
UCPV-7	Koloa Maoli Road (Road 9) x2 Volcano Road (Honi Wai Cafe) Volcano Road (Hirano Store) Ooaa Road Moho Road x2
UEMV-1	Volcano Road



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Keaau	
Assault-5	Makuu Drive 5th Avenue Silversword Court x3
Burglary-9	Meaulu Street Pohaku Circle Laniuma Street 35th Avenue 21st Avenue 20th Avenue 13th Avenue 1st Avenue Paradise Ala Kai Drive
Major TC-5	Volcano Road / Macadamia Road Keaau Pahoa Road / Old Volcano Road Keaau Pahoa Road / Makuu Drive Keaau Pahoa Road / Shower Drive Paradise Drive / 22nd Avenue
Theft-13	Pili Mua Street Keaau Longs Drugs Keaau Shell Food Mart Keaau Ace Hardware Store Macadamia Road 40th Avenue 36th Avenue x2 30th Avenue 23rd Avenue 16th Avenue 13th Avenue Sandalwood Court
UCPV-5	Orchidland Drive 36th Avenue 13th Avenue 1st Avenue Beach Road
UEMV-6	Pohaku Drive 39th Avenue x2 35th Avenue 23rd Avenue x2



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Pahoa	
Assault-9	Akule Street Puna Kai Shopping Center x2 Pahoa Kapoho Road x2 Kona Street Hawaii Street Keaau Pahoa Road / 16 MM Post Office Road (HAAS)
Burglary-5	Kaku Street Keaau Pahoa Road Dolphin Lane Malama Street Kaululaau Road
Major TC-5	Keaau Pahoa Road x2 Pahoa Kalapana Road x2 Pahoa Kapoho Road
Robbery-2	Cinder Road Kikou Street
Theft-23	Ainaloa Drive King Kamehameha Bloulevard Ainaloa Boulevard Hilonani Drive Oleole Street Pahoa Village Road x5 Pahoa Kapoho Road Papai Street Keaau Pahoa Road x2 Pualaa Road Heepali Street x2 Ocean View Parkway Kumu Street Dolphin Lane x2 Kahakai Boulevard Kula Street



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UCPV-14	Ainaloa Drive Cinder Road Waawaa Road Ocean View Parkway Mano Street Pahoa Kalapana Road Pahoa Kapoho Road x2 Kauhale Street Ahia Road x2 Kikou Street Dolphin Lane Kaululaau Road
UEMV-10	Ainaloa Way Cinder Road Isaac Hale Beach Park Popaa Street Pahoa Kapoho Road Pahoa Longs Drugs Four Corners Government Beach Road Kahakai Boulevard Keaau Pahoa Road



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HAPPY VALENTINES / FEBRUARY 14TH

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate romance and love. But the origins of this festival of candy and cupids are actually dark, bloody and a bit muddled. Though no one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday, one good place to start is ancient Rome, where men hit on women by, well, hitting them.

Report abuse online <https://www.thehotline.org/> and/or call the Hawaii Police Non-emergency number at (808) 935-3311. In case of emergency phone 911.



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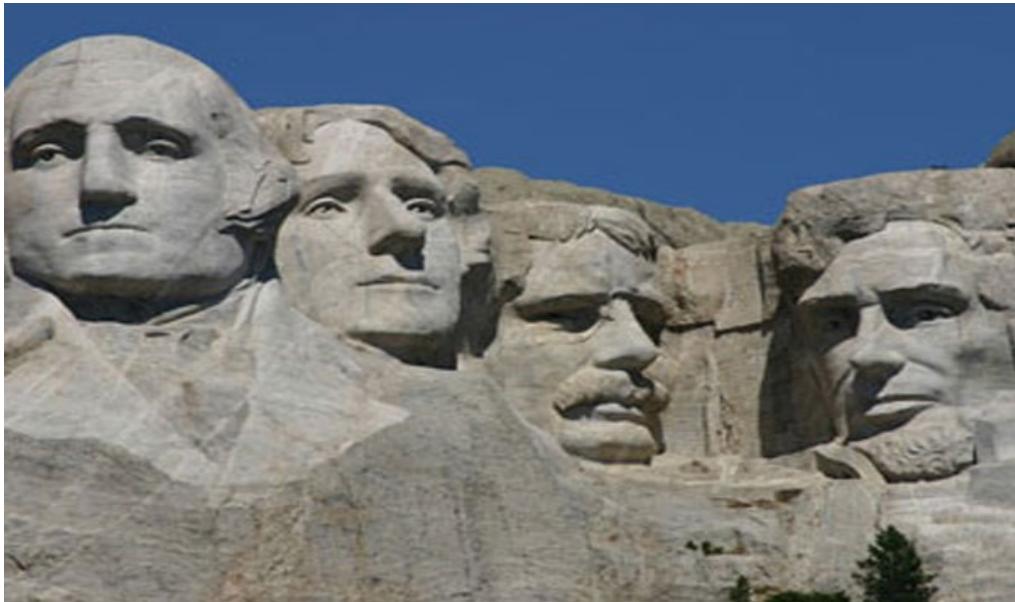
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Presidents' Day for the year 2022 is celebrated/observed on **Monday, February 21st**. President's Day, also known as Washington's Birthday, is on the third Monday of February each year and is a federal holiday in the United States.

The day not only honors George Washington (born February 22), the first President of the United States, and Abraham Lincoln (born February 12) whose birthdays are both in February, but honors all the presidents who have served in the United States.

Enjoy your upcoming Holidays responsibly. Especially with the Super Bowl around the corner, please be safe.

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION AND PREDICTABLE EFFECTS OF DRIVING

.02 - Decline in visual functions, decline in ability to perform two tasks at the same time.

.08 - Reduced concentration, short-term memory loss, lack of speed control, reduced information processing capability, impaired perception.

.15 - Substantial impairment in vehicle control, attention to driving task, and in necessary visual and auditory information processing.



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A Guide to Hawaii's Distracted Driving Laws (It's more than just not texting.)

There are nearly 10,000 car accidents every year in Hawaii. And most of these are simple distracted driving mistakes that are completely preventable.

That's why arguably THE most important thing you can do behind the wheel is keep your hands at 10 and 2 and your eyes on the road. Always.

What Is Distracted Driving?

When it comes to distracted driving, the state of Hawaii defines a distraction as "anything that takes a driver's eyes off the road (visual distraction), mind off the road (cognitive distraction), or hands off the wheel (manual distraction)."

Most cases of distracted driving, though hazardous, are legal. In Hawaii, lawmakers are primarily focused on reducing the number of distracted driving accidents caused by the use of cell phones and other mobile electronic devices.

Distracted Driving Statistics

Nationally, distracted driving costs society about \$40 billion a year; this is almost as much as DUIs, which cost about \$44 billion a year.

Nearly 400,000 people in the US were injured and more than 3,000 were killed in distracted driving accidents in 2017.

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Does Hawaii Have Laws against Distracted Driving?

Yes.

Hawaii laws currently prohibit:

- The use of handheld cell phones (Hands-free operation is allowed)
- Texting while driving
- Drivers under the age of 18 from using a mobile electronic communication device of any kind, even if hands-free.
- In addition to these laws, in Honolulu, pedestrians are also required to follow the law when it comes to distractions. In this city, it's illegal to cross a street while looking at a cell phone screen.



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Are There Any Exceptions to Hawaii's Distracted Driving Laws?

Yes.

- In Hawaii, drivers under the age of 18 are only allowed to use a cell phone while driving to call 911. Likewise, the use of a handheld device by any driver is permitted when calling for emergency services.
- Also, the following are exempt from the state's distracted driving laws:
 - Emergency responders (firefighters, emergency medical technicians, mobile intensive care technicians, civil defense workers, police officers, and federal and state law enforcement officers) who are using a mobile device on the job
 - Drivers using a two-way radio or private land mobile radio system, within the meaning of Title 47 Part 90 of the Code of Federal Regulations, while in the performance and scope of their work-related duties, who are operating fleet vehicles or who have a commercial vehicle license
 - Drivers who have a valid amateur radio operator license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and are using a half-duplex two-way radio

Is It Legal to Eat a Cheeseburger While Driving in Hawaii?

Yes. But that doesn't mean you should.

Distracted driving comes in many forms. From texting and watching videos to less obvious distractions like searching for sunglasses or adjusting the A/C, anything that takes your attention away from the task of driving presents a hazard. But have you ever thought about eating while driving? Is it okay to have lunch on the go?





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In most cases, yes. if a police officer in Hawaii spots you eating a cheeseburger while driving down the highway, you shouldn't be too worried, since there is no law that says you can't eat while driving.

But eating a cheeseburger could cause you to drive erratically or lose focus and commit a moving violation, like running a stop sign — and you could be pulled over for that. And if that happens, you may get written up for careless driving AND for the moving violation you committed.

Unless you're really in a hurry, you're better off eating your Big Mac indoors or while sitting in the parking lot.

What's the Difference between Primary and Secondary Enforcement of Distracted Driving Laws?

Primary enforcement of distracted driving laws means the police can pull you over if they see you violating state distracted driving laws.

Secondary enforcement of distracted driving laws means the police can cite you for violating distracted driving laws only if you break another law while doing so.

Hawaii uses primary enforcement.

This means that even if you're obeying all traffic laws and believe that you're in total control of your vehicle while doing so, if a police officer sees you using your device while driving, you can be pulled over and given a citation.

What's the Fine for Distracted Driving in Hawaii?

Hawaii isn't joking around when it comes to distracted driving. Fines for violating the laws in this state are pretty steep:

For using a handheld device or texting while driving: **\$297** fine

For using a handheld device or texting in a school or construction zone: **\$347** fine

Does a Distracted Driving Citation in Hawaii Increase Insurance Rates?

Yes.

Distracted driving in Hawaii is considered a traffic infraction and does get reported to insurance companies.

While the average insurance rate increases 19.7% following a distracted driving citation in the US, rates in Hawaii don't typically rise very steeply.



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In this state, you can expect your insurance costs to go up a little less than 10%, on average. Your actual rate increase will depend on which insurance company you use and your overall driving history. So you really have to ask yourself if answering the phone or that text is really worth it. Probably not. If you need to communicate with someone immediately, pull over and park your car first.

What's Hawaii Doing To Prevent Distracted Driving?

April is National Distracted Driving Month. During this month the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) teams up with county police departments and private partners to educate motorists about the dangers of distracted driving.

Police officers also carry out high-visibility enforcement of texting and cell phone laws during this month.

On top of these efforts, lawmakers hope the high cost of a distracted driving ticket in this state will serve to reduce and limit the number of distracted driving accidents.

So What Can You Do?

Quite simply, just put the phone away — even if that means in the glove compartment. The fines themselves are definitely not worth it, let alone the more serious consequences to you and others on the road. Let's all just get where we're going safely and save the texting until you get home.



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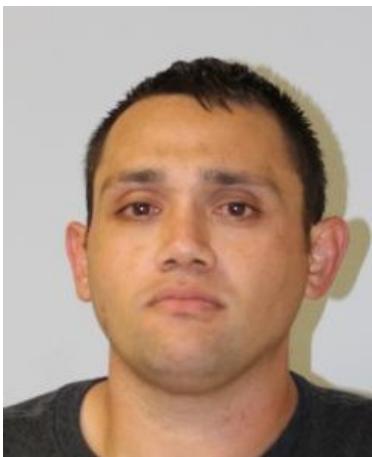
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