

TITLE: Wireless Communications Devices

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PURPOSE: To provide guidance to employees regarding wireless communications

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**OPERATING
DETAILS:**

Section 25-53-191 of the Mississippi Code 1972 annotated and supplements thereto contain the authority and parameters for the use of wireless communication devices. These devices include cellular telephones, pagers, or personal digital assistant devices having wireless communication capability. No such device paid for through the use of public funds shall be made available to any University employee for personal use. Public funds will not be used to pay for cellular telephones, cellular service, or to reimburse any employee for use of his or her personal wireless communication device.

Due to documented safety concerns, the University does not support or condone the use of cellular telephones while an employee is driving. This restriction applies both to hand-held and hands-free phones. Also, employees should be aware that cellular telephone transmissions are not secure transmissions. Confidential information regarding official business should be transmitted from a secure environment.