

# 7 Rules About Using Your Phone



List 7 rules for using your mobile phone. Dos. Don'ts. Musts. Should. Shouldn'ts. After, watch a video on the topic. Did you make any of the same suggestions? Share your best rules with the class.

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# THE 24 DO'S AND DON'TS OF CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE

Read. Discuss.  
Do you agree?

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**From the Minds of Genuine Teenagers**

## **Do**

- call your friends every once in a while instead of just texting
- be nice, polite, honest, and respectful
- call your parents if you think they'll be worried
- say "pardon" instead of "WHAT?" if you can't hear the person
- take the call outside or move away from the group
- put your phone on vibrate or turn off the ringer during dinner
- get off the phone when your parents say to
- talk quietly in public (no one cares to hear your conversation)
- refrain from eating while talking on the phone
- silence your phone in class and at the library and other places where people are trying to concentrate
- let people know if you're going to have to take an important call
- turn off your phone anyplace where quiet or respect is required (e.g., church, theaters, concerts)

## **Don't**

- use loud, obnoxious ringtones
  - talk in a public place and go "WHAT? WHAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU! OH! SHE SAID THAT? REALLY?" etc.
  - ignore the people who are with you to talk on your cell phone
  - hang up without saying good-bye
  - put a person on speaker without their knowing
  - interrupt someone talking on the phone unless it's an emergency
  - make prank calls or leave mean voicemails
  - send embarrassing pictures to anyone
  - talk or text in dangerous or inappropriate situations, e.g., while driving, crossing a street, riding in an elevator, ordering from a cashier
  - carry on conversations with people in the room while talking on the phone
  - put your phone on the table in restaurants
  - use your phone in public restrooms
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## Mobile Manners Quiz

Circle the best answer.

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  - c. 79%
  - d. 89%
2. Emergency response times have been reduced due to cell phone usage.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. When using a cell phone you should:
  - a. speak more loudly than usually.
  - b. use a quiet conversational tone.
  - c. hold the phone as close to your mouth as you can.
  - d. use a whispered voice.
4. Drivers using cell phones are:
  - a. Four times more likely to get into injury-causing crashes.
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5. There is no difference in accident statistics between drivers using hand-held vs. hands-free cell phone devices.
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  - a. a set of rules we all agree to follow in order to be considerate of others.
  - b. simple guidelines of common courtesy.
  - c. contribute to a more polite society.
  - d. all of the above.
7. The term "24/7/365" means:
  - a. 24 times a day, 7 months a year, 365 calls a month
  - b. 24 hours, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year (all the time)
  - c. out of 365 calls, 24 are unanswered, thus leading to an average of 7 messages being left.
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