



# MCAMW Service Bureau Safety Newsletter

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## **SAFETY MATTERS BY SAFETY SAM**

### **UPDATE TO MARYLAND DRIVERS:**

#### **Changes to Maryland Traffic Law – New Law Begins October 1, 2013**

The new Maryland Law prohibits the use of hand-held cell phone while operating a motor vehicle. That means law enforcement officers can pull you over for having a cell phone to your ear. Driver using hands to use handheld telephone while motor vehicle is in motion will be a primary traffic offense: 1st Offense -- \$75; 2nd Offense -- \$125; 3rd and Subsequent Offense -- \$175. If the violation contributed to an accident, THREE (3) POINTS will also be assessed.

Driver using hands to use handheld telephone while operating a commercial motor vehicle, first offense is a \$290 and also a primary traffic offense.

In addition to the new cell phone law, everyone inside the vehicle will be required to wear a seat belt, no matter their age or location in the car. Texting while driving is banned in Maryland, Virginia and D.C. For a chart showing cell phone use laws in each State, visit this web address:

[http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone_laws.html).

*Remember: There are Good Habits, there are Bad Habits, and there are Safety Habits.....  
Safety Habits Save Your Life.*

**NOTE: PLEASE SHARE THIS ADVISORY AT YOUR SAFETY AND SERVICE MEETINGS,**

### *Tip of the Month*

MCAA now offers to its members 35 free Safety Videos. To access these videos, visit the following web address and follow the directions:

<http://www.mcaa.org/app/>

**PROVIDE A COPY TO YOUR SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND POST A COPY ON YOUR NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN BOARDS.** All information in this Newsletter has been provided by members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington Safety Committee. The purpose of this newsletter is to heighten your awareness of safety procedures.

**This Newsletter will be sent to all MCAMW members.**

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