**SAMPLE EMPLOYER POLICY ON**

**DISTRACTED DRIVING**

**[Company Name] Distracted Driving Policy**

**Please read the Distracted Driving Policy, sign and return to your supervisor.**

In order to increase safety and eliminate unnecessary risks behind the driver’s wheel, [Parish Name] has enacted a Distracted Driving Policy, effective [Date]. We are committed to ending the epidemic of distracted driving, and have created the following rules, which apply to any employee or volunteer who transports individuals a part of his or her ministry:

* Parish employees and volunteers may not use a hand-held cell phone while operating a vehicle – whether the vehicle is in motion or stopped at a traffic light. This includes, but is not limited to, answering or making phone calls, engaging in phone conversations, and reading or responding to emails, instant messages, and text messages.
* If employees or volunteers need to use their phones, they must pull over safely to the side of the road or another safe location.
* Additionally, employees or volunteers are required to:
  + Turn cell phones off or put them on silent or vibrate before starting the car.
  + Consider modifying voice mail greetings to indicate that you are unavailable to answer calls or return messages while driving.
  + Inform others of this policy as an explanation of why calls may not be returned immediately.
* [Parish consequences for failing to follow policy]

I acknowledge that I have received a written copy of the Distracted Driving Policy, that I fully understand the terms of this policy, that I agree to abide by these terms, and that I am willing to accept the consequences of failing to follow the policy.

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Employee Signature Date

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Employee Name (printed)

