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DCV Online Newsletter

Get Your Bluetooth Earpieces Now

The BC Government has introduced legislation to ban drivers from using hand-held cell phones while they're behind the wheel. Six other provinces already have such legislation in place.

The changes to the Motor Vehicle Act will take effect Jan. 1, 2010. At that time, only hands-free cell phones and devices requiring one touch to activate will be permitted.

A new fine of \$167 can be handed out as of Feb. 1, 2010. If drivers are caught

texting or emailing they will also receive three penalty points on their driving record.

New drivers in the province's graduated licensing program are not permitted to use hands-free phones and will receive the \$167 fine and three penalty points for any violation of the amended legislation.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General said independent research concludes that cell phone use while driving is the top cause of distracted driving.



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On average, about 117 people die each year in BC and 1,400 are sent to hospital because of distractions behind the wheel, said the ministry. Offices should order from the DCV for

their employees who are required to use their cell phones while on the road. These products are also available for personal purchase through the employee purchase program.

Employee Purchase Program

What is the employee purchase program?

In 2008 the DCV was given permission to sell both office supplies and giftware items to government employees. This can be done online at www.dcv.gov.bc.ca.

What is the benefit?

Employees will find that prices for office supplies offered by the DCV are substantially cheaper than what they can get elsewhere for home use. Check the price that you pay for toner for your home computer with what we charge at the DCV. We think you will be very impressed. Some employees have told us that they saved as much as \$50.00.

You also don't have to run out to a store to shop. Your order can be delivered to you at work- we prefer this if you are not home to receive it there.

The DCV features giftware from BC artisans at superb prices and the online store is a great way to get some stress-free holiday shopping in as well.

Is there a shipping charge?

If your order is over \$25.00 shipping is free. Orders less than \$25.00 before taxes will have a \$5.00 shipping fee added.



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Holiday Shows

B ack by popular demand, the DCV is putting on trade show events at government offices around Victoria this holiday season. Be sure

to stop by, say "Hi", and check out our best-selling office products and our giftware selection. Everything can be bought on site. We

accept all major credit cards, debit and cash. We can also put something aside for you and follow-up later for payment.

If you miss our edible gift samples, try the popular recipe below. It is always a hit and goes fast!

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
23	24 Finance 1802 Douglas St	25		27
DECEMBER 2009				
30	Pension Corp 2995 Jutland Rd	2	3 940 Blanshard St	4
7	8 1810 Blanshard St	9	10 Health Services 1515 Blanshard St	11
14	15 St. Ann's Academy	16	17 4000 Seymour PI	18
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Switch to holiday LED lights. They are more efficient than incandescent lights and result in huge cost savings!

SeaChange Preserves & Cream Cheese

Ingredients:

- * 125ml jar SeaChange Cranberry and Pepper Preserves
- * 227g brick plain cream cheese
- * plain crackers or melba toast

Preparation:

Place cream cheese on a dish. Stir the jar of preserves and pour over cream cheese. Serve with crackers.



his holiday season, be conscious of your choices and how they affect the planet. If you already have an artificial tree, continue to use it. If not, consider a potted tree that you can plant after the holidays.

Decorate with pine cones, holly and other natural, biodegradable ornaments. Choose environmentally-friendly gifts. Those in the DCV Online Store, www.dcv.gov.bc.ca, are indicated with a green leaf. Don't forget to look for rechargeable batteries for all those toys and electronic devices.



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Green Your Office

1 Choose non-toxic cleaning products for your coffee or lunch room. The DCV Customer Service staff is always happy to help you find the right product for your needs.

When possible, choose a pen that you can buy refills for. That way you are not disposing of the barrel every time. If this isn't an option, consider pens made with recycled content.

Don't just buy the same office product that you have always purchased. Review the product like you were purchasing it for the first time



DCV now offers reusable plastic green bins for supply shipments. This is one more step we are taking in commitment to becoming a sustainable workplace. Contact Wendy. Charlton@gov.bc.ca for more information.

and consider greener alternatives. More environmentallyfriendly alternatives are coming out every day. Many manufacturers are continuing to strive for a greener products than they have already produced. It is an exciting time to watch the bar being raised and we should reward these manufacturers by having an open mind. From time to time we will feature products that we have tested with excellent results.

ne of our managers recommends the Pilot Greenball Pen (7530603180 to 82 and 7530603190 to 92). Why? Because she never thought she would find a pen she liked better than her Pilot Hi-tecpoint Rolling Balls. The Greenball has a 100% recycled plastic barrel and she likes it BETTER, not just because it is a green choice.



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Just In At The Distribution Centre Victoria!



Pink shoe tape dispenser where proceeds go to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. #7520761024



Natural all-purpose cleaner made with plant and mineralbased ingredients. #7920014022



Discovery Trekking moisturewicking towel, with high SPF sun protection, is made locally. #9999840669



Show your support of the 2010 Winter Games and our local athletes with this official pin. #9999846009



Spray hand sanitizer - perfect for your desk, purse, suitcase, Xmas stocking or in the car. #7920014020



Post-it notes with an abstract mountain and sea design and the Vancouver 2010 logo. #7510481060

Complete Our Survey And Win!

Let us know what you think about our new online store and you could win an official Olympic sweater!



Go to http://www.pss.gov.bc.ca/dcv/pdfs/ Survey_Final.pdf

More Olympic items can be viewed at the Show Your Spirit 2010 Online Store: http://pss.online.gov.bc.ca/showyourspirit2010/

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