

Sample MLA Outline (Levi)

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Levi i</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outline</p> <p>THESIS: Unless the risks of cell phones are shown to outweigh the benefits, we should not restrict their use in moving vehicles; instead, we should educate the public about the dangers of driving while phoning and prosecute irresponsible phone users under laws on negligent and reckless driving.</p> <p>I. Scientific studies haven't proved a link between use of cell phones and traffic accidents.</p> <p>A. A study by Redelmeier and Tibshirani was not conclusive, as the researchers themselves have admitted.</p> <p>B. Most states do not keep records on accidents caused by driver distractions.</p> <p>C. In a survey of research on cell phones and driving, Cain and Burris report that results so far have been inconclusive.</p> <p>II. The risks of using cell phones while driving should be weighed against the benefits.</p> <p>A. At the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, researchers found that the risks of driving while phoning were small compared with other driving risks.</p> <p>B. There are safety, business, and personal benefits to using cell phones on the road.</p> | <p>Outline pages are numbered with small roman numerals.</p> <p>Outline begins with thesis and uses standard format.</p> <p>Outline is written in complete sentences.</p> |
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- III. We need to educate drivers on using cell phones responsibly and enforce laws on negligent and reckless driving.
 - A. Educating drivers can work.
 - B. It is possible to enforce laws against negligent and reckless driving; in states that do not do an adequate job of enforcement, the public can lobby for improvement.