

## Advantages of Mobile Phones



While advantages of mobile phones are **self evident**, their disadvantages also need to be given some thought. Here is some information about cell phone usage **merits and demerits**.

There are various advantages of mobile phones. The growth of cell phone usage has increased drastically **since the last decade**, and it is estimated that mobile phones will cross 5 billion in 2010. With their number increasing at a tremendous rate and with the threat of **'cell phone addiction'**, there are certainly several disadvantages of cell phones as well.

### **Few Advantages of Mobile Phones**

Since the year 1991, the number of mobile phone users all across the globe has risen drastically. This sharp increase has been mostly observed in developing Asian countries like China and India, that have surpassed the US in the number of mobile phone consumers. Certainly, there are several advantages of **mobile phones** that has helped in the cell phone success by leaps and bounds. However, there are some disadvantages of cell **phone as well that can't be ignored**. I'll talk about both facets of

cell phone usage further..

### **Ease to Express Yourself**

By allowing **instant access to anybody across the globe**, mobile phones have changed the landscape of [communication](#). Not only globally, [cell phones](#) are important in day to day life. You want to talk to someone at home, a friend or your spouse, just give a call! You forget something important at home and now you need it in your office.

**Give a call at home!** So on and so forth...cell phones are a necessity. Aren't they?

### **More than Communication, Entertainment**

Love listening to music? Or playing video games? Or watching movies? Do all you wish, by purchasing some affordable mobile phones. Entertainment, especially when you're traveling or getting bored, was never so easy. Nowadays, you can even browse Internet on your cell phones. Cell phone manufacturers cater to the needs of every mobile user, with the upgradation of latest features and technology. There are so **many applications and features in** mobile phones that people hardly have time to learn all of them!

### **More Safety**

**Although, having cell phones is not a guarantee for safety, it certainly can be helpful for you in emergency situations.** Keeping cell phones in your car while traveling is one of the topmost personal safety tips. In case of any accidents or unexpected events, you can inform someone, who can rush to your rescue. Similarly, cell phones can be helpful to old and disabled people. Although, lifts in offices and residential buildings come with phone extension and alarm buttons, cell phones are anytime better to call for help, in case of elevator failure. Similarly, there can be many more instances in daily life, where mobile phones are a necessity.

### **Few Disadvantages of Mobile Phones**

Not all are positive about mobile phones. There are some demerits of mobile phones that are discussed below.

#### **Health Effects**

Electromagnetic radiation from cell phones may cause health problems. **Rigorous studies are being carried out to know about the negative effects of cell phones. Sleep deprivation, stress and brain problems** have been linked to overuse of cell phones, and are considered as the possible [effects of cell phone radiation](#). Some studies have reported that cell phone usage can trigger male infertility symptoms. But nothing has been proved yet, though we can lessen mobile use to some extent.

#### **Children Suffer**

Children have been found to have some worrisome effects of mobile phone usage. Since they have weaker immune system, thinner skin and developing nervous system, waves generated from mobile phones can harm their body cells. It has been found that children can absorb radio waves to a far greater extent than adults.

#### **Legal Issues**

Mobile phones come with cameras and hence this has led to hundreds of thousands of cases pending in courts about privacy problems. There have been instances in the

past, in countries like Saudi Arabia, Japan, Korea, where a ban was imposed on camera phones, making it a strict rule to sell only those cell phones that come with an appreciable click sound! Moreover, crime rate has also increased with miscreants like robbers and terrorists pursuing their nefarious schemes through mobile phones.

### **Driving and Mobile Phones**

If not anything, this is certainly one of the most dangerous disadvantages of cell phones. In the US, cell phone and driving have become a major concern among traffic officials. The seriousness of this issue in the eyes of the federal government was highlighted when a US court in 2009, imposed a whopping million dollar fine for talking on phone while driving, on a Texan driver. It is the highest fine imposed in the world, for someone using mobile phone while driving. Many accidents can be averted if people are cautious, and avoid cell phone usage while driving.