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One must consider the hazards of using a cell phone while driving. Here are a few suggestions to minimize the hazard:

1. Always buckle up.
2. Limit cell phone use to necessary calls.
3. Wait to dial until you stop or pull over.
4. If your conversation is stressful or emotional, pull off the road.
5. If hazardous driving conditions arise, hang up.
6. Position your phone within easy reach.
7. Use hands-free kits if possible.
8. Dial numbers in short sequence while you are in motion.

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