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Cellphone Ban

The use of mobile phones is forbidden in many hospitals, and recently doctors' offices around the nation have begun prohibiting patients from talking on them in waiting rooms. Now some businesses are threatening to charge people who won't hang up, and one restaurant in Seattle is even billing diners \$5 for cell chatter. (It has yet to actually force anyone to pay up.) **Should businesses be allowed to restrict cellphone use? [Tell us in the comments section below.](#)**

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WHAT YOU SAID

In a recent issue, we asked: [Should Businesses Be Allowed To Ban Cellphones?](#)

89% YES

"I would applaud and actually visit a business or restaurant more often if I knew that no cellphones would be allowed there unless it were an emergency situation."

"I work as a cashier, and I can't count the number of times that I've been conducting business with a customer, his cellphone rings, and he has a conversation—completely oblivious to the fact that he's holding up everyone who's in line behind him."

11% NO

"Instead of banning cellphones in restaurants, bars and cafés, maybe we could go back to the idea used not so long ago, when places had separate smoking areas, but instead set up separate cellphone sections."

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