

# REVIEW DAY NOTES

Driving in Minnesota is a privilege, NOT a right.

## TO GET YOUR PERMIT...

Must be at least 15 yrs old, Completed 30 hrs of classroom & be enrolled in BTW, Present blue card to testing station, Pass permit test with at least 80%, 2 forms of ID required, Pass vision screening, Pay fees

## PRACTICING ON YOUR PERMIT...

Licensed driver 21 years or older, NO ELECTRONICS OR PHONE, 100% Seat belt use

## TO GET YOUR PROVISIONAL LICENSE...

Must be at least 16 yrs old, Completed 6 hours of BTW training, Held permit for at least 6 months, Driving log with required amount of hours

Pass drivers test with at least 80%, 2 forms of ID required, Pass vision screening, Pay fees

## YOUR PROVISIONAL LICENSE...

Only 1 passenger under 20 for 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months, Only 3 passengers under 20 for 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 months, Nighttime restrictions

## INSURANCE...

- Valid proof of insurance must be carried on you at all times when driving.
- No Fault/Liability is the minimum insurance required in MN.
- Operation of an uninsured motor vehicle can result in: 30 day revocation of license, Fines up to \$1000, Up to 90 days in jail. 2<sup>ND</sup> Offense is 180 day revocation & 1 year in jail.
- Same as a DWI

**MINNESOTA'S BASIC SPEED LAW:** Drive at a speed no faster than is reasonable under existing conditions. Conditions include weather, traffic, and road conditions.

## 3 SPEED LAWS...

- POSTED ~ Go up to the posted limit
- ASSUMED ~ Areas where signs are not posted... Alleys and parking lots ~ 10 mph, City/Urban areas ~ 30 mph, 55 mph on Highways
- SUGGESTED ~ Areas where slowing is recommended
- Remember... slow moving vehicles go no fast than 30 mph

**SIGNALING...** You must signal at least 100' prior to your maneuver. Maneuvers include: lane changes, turns, merges and parks.

Continue signaling until you have completed the maneuver.

**3 SECOND RULE...** The law requires that you maintain a 3 SECOND FOLLOWING distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.

## TURNS...

- Turn from the closest lane to the closest lane except where posted.
- Make right turn on red after coming to a complete stop and there is no "NO TURN ON RED" sign posted.
- You may make a U turn if there is no sign prohibiting them and you can see road ahead for at least 1000 feet.
- May turn left on red from a one way to another one way if there is no sign prohibiting it.
- Use shoulders or bike lanes when approaching right turns and left turns on one way streets.

## PASSING/NO PASSING...

- You may go 10mph over posted 55mph speed when passing another vehicle on 2 lane road.
- Do not pass on hills or curvy roads where you cannot see ahead of you at least 700 feet.
- Do not pass if you have a solid yellow line or see the NO PASSING ZONE sign posted ahead.
- NO PASSING within 100 feet of an intersection, underpass, tunnel or railroad crossing.
- You must return to YOUR side of the road before coming within 100 feet of an oncoming vehicle.

## PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED:

- Within intersections, on a crosswalk or sidewalk.
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- Within 30 feet of a stop sign, or signal light.
- Within 50 feet of a railroad crossing.
- Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Do not park on a yellow painted curb.

## SAFETY BELTS... Seat belt use is mandatory.

- Police can stop motorists solely for seat belt violations.
- Children under 8 years OR 4 ft 9 inches tall must be in a booster seat or age appropriate device for them that meets federal safety standards.
- A child may not use a seat belt alone until he/she is at least 8 years old OR 4 feet 9 inches tall.

## CRASHES...

- Every driver involved in a crash that results in injury, death, or property damage of \$1,000 or more must file a traffic crash report within ten days of the incident.
- You are required by law to provide a reasonable degree of assistance to crash victims.

**HIGHWAY WORK ZONES...** Disobeying the speed limit in a work zone will result in a violation. \$300 minimum fine in areas where workers are present.

## SCHOOL BUSES...

- When a school bus is stopped with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, YOU MUST STOP YOUR VEHICLE AT LEAST 20' FROM THE BUS.
- You are not required to stop for a school bus with its red lights flashing if it is on the opposite side of a separated road.
- When the yellow lights are flashing the bus is preparing to stop and load or unload students.

- It is against the law to pass on the right side of a school bus while its red or yellow lights are activated.

#### **SAFETY PATROL AND CROSSING GUARDS...**

- YOU MUST COME TO A COMPLETE STOP when you see student safety patrol or adult crossing guards assisting students cross the street.
- It is illegal to drive through a line of children who are crossing the road, even if a school safety patrol is not present.

#### **STOPS...**

- Treat a flashing red traffic light as you would a stop sign.
- Stop at an intersection with a stop sign before the crosswalk ~ marked or unmarked, or before the curb.
- At an intersection with a red light, always stop prior to any crosswalk ~ marked or unmarked.

#### **EMERGENCY VEHICLES...**

- If an emergency vehicle is approaching on a two way road WITH LIGHTS FLASHING you must move to the right side of road or shoulder area.
- If you are traveling on one way road you must pull to whichever side you are closest to.
- Do not stop in an intersection.
- Always signal your intention.
- You must stay at least 500 feet from any firefighting vehicle making an emergency run.
- Emergency vehicles include: Police, Ambulance, Fire, Tow Trucks, Utility Vehicles

#### **MOVE OVER LAW...**

- Move to the lane farthest away from an emergency vehicle with its light on when it is stopped on or next to a road with 2 or more lanes in the same direction.
- If you are unable to move a lane away, reduce speed and pass with caution.

#### **RAILROAD CROSSINGS...**

- When approaching a crossing, SLOW DOWN AND LOOK BOTH WAYS. Treat like an uncontrolled intersection
- If you cannot move your vehicle all the way across and clear the tracks safely DO NOT cross the tracks.

#### **CARBON MONOXIDE...Is a deadly, odorless & colorless gas produced by engines.**

- Collects inside vehicle when the windows are closed, or in your garage, if your engine is idling.
- Can render a person unconscious within a few minutes.

#### **SIGNS AND LINES...**

- White lines separate traffic flowing in same direction.
- Yellow lines separate traffic flowing in opposite direction.
- Regulatory signs tell you what you can and cannot do.
- Warning signs tell you of upcoming danger.
- Construction signs warn you of construction areas.

- Fluorescent yellow green signs are crosswalks. You can always get a ticket if you disobey these signs.

#### **SIGNAL LIGHTS...**

- Green means you have the right of way to go when intersection is clear.
- Yellow means your right of way is ending and light will soon turn to red. Clear intersection as quickly as possible when safe.
- Red means you must stop before entering intersection, before crosswalk.

#### **HEADLIGHTS...**

- Headlights must be dimmed: When within 1,000 feet of oncoming traffic, When with 200 feet or less of preceding traffic.
- Headlights must be on from sunset until sunrise.
- Headlights must be on whenever there is precipitation. Includes rain, snow, hail, sleet, or fog and any time you cannot clearly see the road ahead for at least 500 feet.
- Overdriving your headlights means you cannot stop within the distance that your headlights shine. About 350 feet on high beam.

#### **ALCOHOL AND DRUGS...**

- It is illegal to operate a vehicle on Minnesota roads when impaired by alcohol or other substances.
- Alcohol is a depressant.
- The amount of alcohol in the blood is called the "alcohol concentration" or BAC.
- 12 oz beer = 5 oz glass wine = mixed drink = 9 oz wine cooler.
- "Proof" is the strength of a drink. % of alcohol X 2
- Alcohol is eliminated at the rate of about 1 drink per hour. 95% thru oxidation.
- A person with a BAC of 0.08 or higher who is in control of a moving or parked vehicle, can be arrested for driving while impaired (DWI). If charged you can be fined \$1000 and or 90 days in jail and a 30 day revocation of license.
- DUI can be charged with as low as .04 BAC
- The reinstatement fee for any alcohol related violation is \$680.
- If you are under 21 and have any measurable amount of alcohol in your system (ZERO TOLERANCE LAW), your license will be suspended for at least 30 days for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense and 6 months for the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**IMPLIED CONSENT:** Refusal to take the breathalyzer test will result in a 1 year revocation of your driving privileges.

**BICYCLISTS:** Keep at least 3' between the side of your car and the bicyclist.