

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 1st 6 months, Only 3 passengers under 20 for 2nd 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. 2ND 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 1st offense and 6 months for the 2nd.

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.