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<u>Aggressive Driving Laws</u>	
Aggressive Driver Actions	Comments
Intent to annoy, harass, molest, intimidate, injure or obstruct another person, while doing one or more of the following: overtaking and passing another vehicle; violating traffic lane markings; following too closely; violating signal, lane change, slowing or stopping laws; impeding traffic flows; reckless driving.	

Sources: [National Conference of State Legislatures \(NCSL\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Cell Phone Driving Laws</u>								
Handheld Ban	All Cell Phone Ban		Text Messaging Ban			Enforcement	Crash Data Collected	Pre-emptior Law
	School Bus Drivers	Novice Drivers	All Drivers	School Bus Drivers	Novice Drivers			
	Yes					Primary	Yes	

Sources: [American Automobile Association \(AAA\)](#), [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Child Passenger Safety Laws</u>		
Child Restraint Required unless indicated, # refers to Yrs.(Lbs.)	Adult seat belt Permissible unless indicated, # refers to Yrs.(Lbs.)	Maximum Fine First Offense
≤5 (and ≤57") in rear seat if available	>57"; ≥40 lbs. can use lap belt if lap/shoulder belt unavailable	\$50

Sources: [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Drug Impaired Driving Laws</u>

Per Se Laws for Drugs (Forbidding Prohibited Substances in Driver's Body)	DEC/DRE Programs (Providing Law Enforcement Training)
Yes	Yes

Source: [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

Drunk Driving Laws						
Admin. License Suspension on First Offense	Limited Driving Privileges During Suspension	Increased Penalties for High Blood Alc. Concentration (BAC)	Open Container Laws	Repeat Offender Laws	Vehicle and License Plate Sanctions	Ignition Interlocks
1 year	Yes	.15	Yes	Yes	Vehicle confiscation	Discretionary

Sources: [Ensuring Solutions to Alcohol Problems](#), [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#), [Mothers Against Drunk Driving \(MADD\)](#), [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Laws						
Learner Stage		Intermediate Stage			Full Privilege Min. Age (Yrs./Mos.)	Required Supervised Driving (Hrs.) (Nighttime hours in parenthesis)
Min. Age (Yrs./Mos.)	Min. Duration (Mos.)	Min. Age (Yrs./Mos.)	Nighttime Driving Restriction	Passenger Restriction* (* family members exempt)		
15	12	16	Midnight - 6 a.m.	First 6 mos.–no pass.; second 6 mos.–no more than 1 pass. <21*; thereafter–no more than 3	18	40 (6)

				pass.		
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Sources: [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#), [American Automobile Association \(AAA\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Helmet Laws</u>			
Motorcyclists			Bicyclists
All Helmet Law	Partial Law	All Helmet Law Repealed	
1969			<16

Sources: [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Mature Driver Laws</u>	
Length of Regular Renewal Cycle (Yrs.)	Provisions for Mature Drivers
5 or 10; veterans valid until 65 yrs.	5 yrs. for ≥ 60 ; no renewal by mail and vision test for ≥ 64

Sources: [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Seat Belt Laws</u>			
Type of Law	Who is Covered (Yrs.)	In What Seat	Maximum Fine First Offense
Primary	6-17	All	\$15
	≥ 18 , pick-up drivers exempted	Front	

Sources: [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Segway Laws</u>				
Permitted on Sidewalks/Bicycle Paths	Permitted on Roads	Helmets Required	Minimum Age	Pedestrian Laws Apply
Sidewalks	Yes on streets w/ speed limits up to 35 mph and separate bike lanes	<16	16 to use on highways	Yes

Sources: [Segway LLC](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Sobriety Checkpoint Laws</u>	
Checkpoints Conducted?	Comments
Yes	Conducted weekly

Sources: [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Speed Limit Laws</u>					
Rural Interstates		Urban Interstates		Other Limited Access Roads	
Cars (mph)	Trucks (mph)	Cars (mph)	Trucks (mph)	Cars (mph)	Trucks (mph)
70	70	65	65	65	65

Sources: [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

<u>Speed and Red Light Cameras</u>								
State Law	Violations	Location	Citation Issued to Whom	Liability	Image	Traditional Enforcement Penalties	Records/Points/Penalties	Defenses
Permitted	Red	Various	Registered	Owner	License	\$1,000	\$70 max.;	Owner

	light		owner		tag, intersection and light	max.; 3 points	not a conviction or record offense; no points; not a moving violation; not to be used by insurers	not driver
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Sources: [National Conference of State Legislatures \(NCSL\)](#), [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety \(IIHS\)](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).

Work Zone Speed Limit Laws		
Multiple of Original Fine	Violations Affected	Workers Must Be Present
\$100-\$2,000 and/or up to 12 months in jail	Speeding	Yes [work zone signs must be posted and either a) work zone personnel, or b) barriers, work vehicles or shoulder or pavement drop offs]

Sources: [National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse](#) and [State Highway Safety Offices](#).