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<u>Aggressive Driving Laws</u>
None

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	P em L
	School Bus Drivers	Novice Drivers	All Drivers	School Bus Drivers	Novice Drivers			
	Yes	Learners Permit or Intermediate License	Yes (eff. 7/09)			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 <i>unless indicated, # refers to Yrs.(Lbs.)</i>	Adult seat belt Permissible <i>unless indicated, # refers to Yrs.(Lbs.)</i>	Maximum Fine First Offense
<1 (or ≤20) in rear-facing infant seat; 1 - 3 (and >20) in forward-facing infant seat; 4 - 8 (and <4'9") in booster seat; ≤8 (and <4'9") in rear seat if available; rear seat recommended for 9 - 12	9 - 15 (or ≤12 and >4'9")	\$50

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

<u>Drug Impaired Driving Laws</u>	
None	

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

<u>Drunk Driving Laws</u>						
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
		.20	Yes	Yes	Vehicle confiscation	Discretionary

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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](#).

<u>Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Laws</u>						
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	6	16	11 p.m. - 6 a.m.	No more than 1 pass. unless supervised by ≥21-yr. old driver*	17	50 (10)

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	
1967			<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	

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	≥16	Front	\$50

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 and bicycle paths	Yes			

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

<u>Sobriety Checkpoint Laws</u>

Checkpoints Conducted?	Comments
Yes	Once or twice a month

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

Speed Limit Laws					
Rural Interstates		Urban Interstates		Other Limited Access Roads	
Cars (mph)	Trucks (mph)	Cars (mph)	Trucks (mph)	Cars (mph)	Trucks (mph)
70	70	70	70	70	70

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

Speed and Red Light Cameras								
State Law	Violations	Location	Citation Issued to Whom	Liability	Image	Traditional Enforcement Penalties	Records/Points/Penalties	Defenses
Permitted	Red light; speed	Various	Registered owner	Registered owner	Not addressed	\$50 max.; points	Not reportable; no points	Not addressed

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
\$250-\$500	Speeding	Yes

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

