

## **Rules of the Road**

"MOVE OVER" AND "FENDER BENDER" LAWS. When passing an emergency vehicle, tow truck or a utility vehicle with flashing lights on the highway shoulder, "move over" one lane, if possible, or reduce speed. Violation could result in a \$500 fine plus court costs. If you are in a minor, non-injury "fender bender," move your vehicle to the shoulder of the road. Violation results in a fine plus court costs.

**CELL PHONES.** Cell phone use by drivers younger than 18 is prohibited except in the case of an emergency or when talking to a parent or spouse. Violators pay a \$25 fine plus court costs.

TEXTING. Texting or sending email, or reading texts or email while operating a vehicle on a public street or highway is prohibited. It is allowed if the vehicle is stopped or parked. Violators can be fined \$100 plus court costs.

**HEADLIGHTS.** Required from sunset to sunrise, when light conditions restric visibility to 400 feet or less, and while operating windshield wipers during inclement weather. Motorcycles must have headlights on at all times.

**RIGHT TURN ON RED.** Permitted after a complete stop, unless otherwise posted.

TRAFFIC CRASHES. Traffic crashes involving death, personal injury or Property damage of \$1,000 or more must be reported to the nearest law enforcement officer or agency. Not doing so may result in prosecution and/or driver license suspension.

HELMETS. A helmet built to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS 218 is required by law when riding on a motorcycle or moped. Children up to age 16 are required to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle.

SAFETY BELTS AND CAR SEATS. All vehicle occupants are required to wear seat belts. Children under age 8 and weighing less than 80 pounds must be secured in a child restraint device. Older children must transition to booster seats before using an adult safety belt. Violations of these laws will cost at least \$161 plus two points on your driver license.

Remember, "Click It or Ticket." For more information, visit **clickitorticket.org**.

**DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED.** Motorist with a blood-alcohol concentration at or greater than 0.08 percent are charged with DWI. First convictions will result in suspension of license for at least one year, a fine and possible imprisonmen Drivers with prior DWI convictions may be subject to punishment as a felon, and their vehicle may be seized and sold. "Booze It & Lose It." For more information, visit **boozeitandloseit.org**.

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES. Th Division of Motor Vehicles provides drive and vehicle services, including vehicle titling and registration, driver licenses and identification cards, maintenance of driver records, compilation of crash statistics and enforcement of state

federal laws that regulate motor  ${\it I}$  vehicle operations, theft, sales and inspections. Visit **ncdot.gov/dmv** to take advantage of DMV's online services.

WORK ZONE SAFETY. NCDOT reminds motorists to "Drive Smart. Do Your Part." when traveling through the state's work zones. As conditions in a work zone can change quickly, it is especially important for motorists to pay attention and reduce speed through these areas. The penalty for speeding in a designated work zone is \$250 plus three driver license points.

## N.C. STATE HIGHWAY PATROL. Call one of the toll-free numbers or dial **\*HP (\*47)** from your cellular phone in an emergency. **CALL 511** FOR TRAVEL CONDITIONS.

## Highway Patrol Communications Centers

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Asheville	1-800-445-1772, Troop G
Elizabethtown	1-800-334-7411, Troop B
Greensboro	1-800-445-8621, Troop D
Monroe	1-800-572-8765, Troop H
Newton	1-800-445-1779, Troop F
Raleigh	1-800-662-7956, Troop C
Salisbury	1-800-233-3151, Troop E
Williamston	1-800-441-6127, Troop A

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