



**Rules of the Road**  
When passing emergency vehicles with flashing lights on the shoulder of the highway (including public service vehicles with amber lights), move over one lane, if possible, or reduce speed. Violating the law could result in a \$250 fine and court costs. If you are in a minor, non-injury tender, move your vehicle to the shoulder of the road. Violating the law could result in a \$110 fine and court costs.

**CELL PHONES.** 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.** North Carolina prohibits ALL drivers from texting or reading a text message while a vehicle is in motion. 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 restrict 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.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.** Drivers must yield to pedestrians crossing the road in a marked crosswalk. At traffic signals, pedestrians must follow the "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signals.

**HELMETS.** A helmet built to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (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.

**CLICK IT OR TICKET—EVERY SEAT.** EVERY TIME IT'S THE LAW. All vehicle occupants are required to wear seatbelts. 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. Child restraint violations will result in a fine and fees of at least \$238 and two points on your driver license. Visit [clickitorticket.org](http://clickitorticket.org).

**BOOZE IT & LOSE IT.** Motorists 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 imprisonment. Drivers with prior DWI convictions may be subject to punishment as a felon and their vehicle may be seized and sold. Visit [boozeditandloseit.org](http://boozeditandloseit.org).

**LITTER.** Established in 1988, the Adopt-A-Highway Program helps decrease the amount of litter on the state's roadways and improves environmental beauty, quality and safety. Roadside areas are available for adoption in all 100 North Carolina counties. Businesses, individuals and other organizations can also participate in the state's Sponsor-A-Highway initiative. Drivers are encouraged to help keep roadways clear of trash by not littering.

**DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.** The Division of Motor Vehicles provides driver 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 and federal laws that regulate motor vehicle operations, their sales and inspections. Visit [ncdot.gov/dmv](http://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 427" from your cellular phone in an emergency. Visit [drivenc.gov](http://drivenc.gov) or call 511 for travel conditions.

**Highway Patrol Communication Centers**  
Asheville 1-800-445-1772, Troop G  
Elizabethtown 1-800-334-7411, Troop B  
Greensboro 1-800-445-8621, Troop D  
Monroe 1-800-372-8765, Troop H  
Newton 1-800-445-1779, Troop F  
Raleigh 1-800-562-7956, Troop C  
Salisbury 1-800-233-3151, Troop E  
Williamston 1-800-441-6127, Troop A