

CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Elements of Offense

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CRIMINAL CODE

Offenses Against Pregnant Women

1. **Careless driving resulting in unlawful termination of pregnancy.** Any person who drives a motor vehicle, bicycle, or low-power scooter in a careless and imprudent manner, without due regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, and use of the streets and highways and all other circumstances and causes the unlawful termination of a pregnancy of a woman commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense. 18-3.5-109 (2)

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Driver's Licenses

2. **Mandatory and voluntary restricted licenses following alcohol convictions.** A person whose privilege to drive is restricted to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an approved ignition interlock device and who operates a vehicle not equipped with one, or who circumvents or attempts to circumvent the proper use of an ignition interlock device, commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-2-132.5 (10)
3. **Violations of out-of-service orders.** Operating a commercial motor vehicle in violation of an out-of-service order is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-2-405.5 (1)

Size, Weight, and Load Restrictions

4. **Permits for excess size and weight and for manufactured homes.** A driver or holder of a super-load permit who fails to comply with the terms of the permit or with other provisions of law pertaining to the permit commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-4-510 (12) (d)

Signals, Signs, and Marking

5. **Interference with official devices.** Using an electronic device, without lawful authority, that causes a traffic light to change and thereby proximately causing bodily injury to another person is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-4-607 (2) (b)

Speed Restrictions

6. **Speed limits.** Driving 25 miles per hour or more in excess of the reasonable and prudent speed or in excess of the maximum lawful speed limit of 75 miles per hour is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense when the offense occurs within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone. 42-4-1101 (12) (b)
7. **Speed contests.** Knowingly engaging in a speed contest on a highway is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense. 42-4-1105 (1) (c)

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Other Traffic Offenses

8. **Careless driving.** A person who drives a motor vehicle, electrical assisted bicycle, or low-powered scooter in a careless and imprudent manner, without due regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, or use of the streets and highways and all other attendant circumstances, commits careless driving, which is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense when the actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury or death to another.
- A driver who fails to properly exhibit due care and caution while approaching or passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is giving a visual signal commits careless driving, which is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense when the actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury or death to another.
- A driver who fails to properly exhibit due care and caution while approaching or passing a maintenance, repair, or construction vehicle that is moving at less than 20 miles per hour commits careless driving, which is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense when the actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury or death to another.
- A driver who fails to properly exhibit due care and caution while approaching or passing a motor vehicle where the tires are being equipped with chains on the side of the highway commits careless driving, which is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense when the actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury or death to another.
- A driver who, in a careless and imprudent manner, drives his or her vehicle unnecessarily close to, toward, or near a bicyclist, commits careless driving, which is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense when the actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury or death to another.
9. **Compulsory insurance.** Operating or permitting the operation of a motor vehicle or low-power scooter without an insurance policy in effect or failing to present evidence of insurance following an accident or when asked to do so by a peace officer is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense.

Accidents and Accident Reports

10. **Accidents involving death or personal injuries.** The driver of any vehicle who fails to stop and give notice, information, and aid after an accident in which he or she was directly involved and which results in injury to another person commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense.

School Bus Requirements

11. **School buses.** A second violation within five years of failing to stop a vehicle at least 25 feet from a school bus when visual signal lights are active or when the bus is receiving or discharging schoolchildren is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense.