

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR  
VEHICLES AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**LCB File No. R136-97**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 483.473.

**Section 1.** NAC 483.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.510 Demerit points will be assessed upon conviction of traffic violations as follows:

1. Backing and pulling away:
  - (a) Starting improperly from a parked position 2 demerits
  - (b) Unsafe backing 2 demerits
2. Following too closely or failing to leave sufficient distance  
between vehicles 4 demerits
3. Inattention to driving:
  - (a) Driving without due care, including, without limitation,  
failing to decrease speed when necessary 4 demerits
  - (b) Careless driving 6 demerits
  - (c) Imprudent driving, including, without limitation, failing to  
maintain full attention 4 demerits
  - (d) Coasting when prohibited 4 demerits
4. Leaving the scene of an accident:
  - (a) Failing to fulfill a duty to stop at the scene of an accident

which involves damage to a vehicle or property	6 demerits
(b) Failing to fulfill a duty to stop after causing damage to an unattended vehicle or property	4 demerits
(c) Failing to fulfill a duty to give information and render aid at the scene of an accident	6 demerits
5. Miscellaneous:	
(a) Driving on a highway closed to traffic	2 demerits
(b) Driving onto or from a controlled access highway where prohibited	2 demerits
(c) Crossing over a fire hose	2 demerits
(d) Minor moving traffic violations other than those listed in this <a href="#">[regulation]</a> <a href="#">section</a>	2 demerits
(e) Impeding or blocking traffic	2 demerits
(f) Driving on a sidewalk	1 demerit
(g) Following within 500 feet of fire apparatus	1 demerit
(h) Driving through a funeral or other procession	1 demerit
6. Motorcycle violations:	
(a) Carrying too many passengers	1 demerit
(b) Failing to keep one hand on the handlebars	2 demerits
(c) Failing to wear protective headgear	2 demerits
(d) Failing to wear glasses, goggles or face shields when the motorcycle is not equipped with a windscreen	2 demerits
(e) Riding between vehicles which occupy adjacent lanes	

or operating more than two motorcycles abreast in a single lane	2 demerits
7. Overtaking and passing:	
(a) Cutting in before it is safe in overtaking a vehicle	4 demerits
(b) Passing where prohibited or without sufficient clearance (except in a no-passing zone)	4 demerits
(c) Unsafe passing on the right	4 demerits
(d) Changing lanes improperly	4 demerits
8. Reckless driving	8 demerits
9. Right of way:	
(a) Failing to yield at an open intersection	4 demerits
(b) Failing to yield at a stop sign or at a controlled intersection	4 demerits
(c) Failing to yield when entering a highway	4 demerits
(d) Failing to yield to an emergency vehicle	4 demerits
(e) Failing to yield to <i>or to exercise due care to avoid a collision</i> <i>with</i> a pedestrian	4 demerits
(f) Failing to yield to <i>or to exercise due care to avoid a collision</i> <i>with</i> a person riding a bicycle	4 demerits
10. School buses:	
(a) Passing a stopped school bus when its red light is flashing	4 demerits
(b) Driving a school bus at any speed in excess of the posted limit	4 demerits
11. Signaling:	
(a) Failing to give the appropriate signal when required	1 demerit
(b) Failing to sound the horn when required	1 demerit

12. Speeding:
- (a) Speeding in a school zone at least 1, but not more than 15, miles per hour over the posted speed limit 4 demerits
  - (b) Speeding in a school zone at least 16 miles per hour over the posted speed limit 6 demerits
  - (c) Speeding at least 21 miles per hour over the posted speed limit 4 demerits
  - (d) Excessive speed for the conditions, with no actual speed indicated 2 demerits
  - (e) Speeding at least 16, but not more than 20, miles per hour over the posted speed limit 3 demerits
  - (f) Speeding at least 15 miles per hour over the posted speed limit if the vehicle is used for commercial purposes 4 demerits
  - (g) Speeding at least 11, but not more than 15, miles per hour over the posted speed limit [, unless the person is charged instead with wasting a natural resource currently in short supply pursuant to NRS 484.362] 2 demerits
  - (h) Speeding at least 1, but not more than 10, miles per hour over the posted speed limit, unless the person is [charged instead with wasting a natural resource currently in short supply pursuant to NRS 484.362] *speeding as set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 484.3685* 1 demerit
13. Traffic signs, signals and road markings that regulate, warn or guide traffic:
- (a) Disobeying a police officer or a flag person 4 demerits

(b) Disregarding an official traffic control device, including, without limitation, signs, signals and markings	4 demerits
(c) Disregarding an official traffic control device which exhibits colored lights	4 demerits
(d) Disregarding a railroad signal or crossing gate	4 demerits
(e) Failing to stop at a marked railroad crossing	4 demerits
(f) Driving through a safety zone	4 demerits
(g) Passing in a no-passing zone or over a double yellow line	4 demerits
(h) Disregarding a road block sign or control	4 demerits
14. Turning movements:	
(a) Unsafe turn using an improper position and method	4 demerits
(b) Improper or prohibited U-turn, or U-turn on a curve or a hill	3 demerits
15. Wrong side or wrong way:	
(a) Driving the wrong way on a one-way street	4 demerits
(b) Driving in the center lane when unnecessary	4 demerits
(c) Failing to drive on the right side when required	4 demerits
(d) Driving on the wrong side of a divided highway	4 demerits
(e) Failing to keep to the right on a mountain highway	4 demerits
16. Impaired driving:	
(a) Driving with impaired ability because of alcohol or drugs	7 demerits
(b) Drinking an alcoholic beverage while driving	5 demerits

