

# TRAFFIC LAWS 102 - NEVADA

*Basics Everyone Should Know to Avoid a Ticket  
and **Save a Life***

Getting pulled over by law enforcement can ruin your day, but the reason you were pulled over could have potentially ruined your life or someone else's. Nevada's traffic laws exist to keep everyone on the road safe and keep traffic moving smoothly.

Nevada's Rules of the Road are listed under the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 484B if you'd like to see all of the traffic laws that are currently enforced on our roadways in detail.

## RULES OF THE ROAD

### NO U-TURNS IN SCHOOL ZONES

Picking the kids up at school often gets parents stuck in a frustrating traffic jam around pick-up zones. While a U-turn seems like a quick, easy way to escape that jam, the maneuver is illegal in school zones. If you make a U-turn (in an area not otherwise prohibited by signs) on a day when school is not in session, no children are present, the school zone is not active (flashing lights are off or indicated by signs), or up to 30 minutes before or after the school day, you will not receive a ticket. And always remember to go the posted speed limit in an active school zone. (NRS 484B.363)

### SCHOOL BUSES: SIGNS OUT, LIGHTS FLASHING, YOU STOP

If a school bus is stopped and has its STOP signs out and red lights flashing, all drivers must stop immediately. School bus drivers can report drivers who do not stop and the owner of the vehicle will receive a notice of the violation in the mail. The exception to this rule is if you are approaching the bus from the opposite direction on a divided highway (i.e. a road with a median). You do not have to stop if you are on the other half of a road with a median. Always be vigilant and watch out for students entering the roadway to make it to the bus or make it home. (NRS 484B.350)

### TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN, OR YOU MAY HAVE TO PAY

Flooded roads are not uncommon on rainy days. These temporary roadblocks are not only dangerous to drive through, they can also be costly. The water does not have to be deep to wash a car away and put you in danger. Drivers whose vehicles get washed away by a flood may be held liable for all expenses related to damage and emergency rescue, and they could be convicted of reckless driving. Drivers may be held liable to pay up to \$2,000 for their rescue. (NRS 484B.574)

### LANE SPLITTING IS ILLEGAL

Motorcyclists and moped riders, unless they are law enforcement, cannot lane split to pass moving or parked vehicles. Riders also cannot drive abreast (side by side) within the same lane with more than one other motorcycle or moped at a time. (NRS 486.351)



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