

# TRAFFIC LAWS 101 - 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.

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## RULES OF THE ROAD

### NO HAND-HELD CELLPHONE USE



Using your hand-held cellphone to talk, text, and access the Internet (including social media) are all illegal and dangerous behaviors. Yes, even at stoplights. You may only touch your phone to start or end a call or "initiate a feature or function" (such as to turn on the Bluetooth or open your music or map app) while you're behind the wheel. If your vehicle is equipped with a hands-free system (such as Bluetooth) to which your phone may connect, you may use your phone for calls and to use your navigation system/GPS via voice activation. (NRS 484B.165)

### SLOW DOWN & MOVE OVER

This is a newer law that is a must-know. If you see an emergency vehicle with their lights on (police, medical, or fire), vehicles equipped with amber lights (tow trucks or other service vehicles), or vehicles pulled over with their hazards on, **slow down and move over**. If you are able to safely change lanes, do so. Otherwise, pull as far to the left of your lane as possible. (NRS 484B.607)

### SPEED LIMITS ARE THERE FOR A REASON

Driving over the speed limit is a risky behavior that is a factor in a lot of car crashes. It is not legal to drive 5 MPH over the limit or "go with the flow of traffic" if traffic is going faster than the limit, contrary to popular belief. Follow posted speed limits. If there are no speed limit signs, a good rule of thumb is to drive 25 MPH in residential areas, 35 MPH on non-major roads, 45 MPH on major roads, and 65 MPH on interstates or freeways. **These speed limits may differ in your area**. Always drive at a reasonable speed, even if it is slower than the speed limit, if roads are wet or icy or if traffic is congested. (NRS 484B.600-637)

### DO NOT PASS VEHICLES STOPPED AT CROSSWALKS

If another vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk, you must also slow down and stop. Always assume first that the other vehicle is stopped for a pedestrian and that the pedestrian has not finished crossing. You must wait for the pedestrian to **finish crossing** before you resume driving. If the pedestrian has **crossed to the other half of the road** or median, it is permissible to resume driving. (NRS 484B.283)



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