

DMV Written Test: Study Guide

Speed Limits

Prima Facie Limits (No speed limit sign posted)

- Residential – 25 mph
- Business – 25 mph
- School (when children are present) – 25 mph
- Alley – 15 mph
- Blind Intersection – 15 mph
- Railroad Crossing (uncontrolled) – 15 mph
- 2-lane rural highway – 55 mph
- Speed entering the freeway – Same speed as traffic
- Curves – use judgment

Special Speed Limit Circumstances

- Entering Freeway – same speed as traffic
- Maximum Speed on Freeway – 65 mph unless posted higher
- Basic Speed Law – drive according to road, weather and traffic conditions
- Rain – drive 5-10 mph slower than speed limit
- Snow – cut your speed in $\frac{1}{2}$
- Ice – slow to a crawl

Parking

Colored Curbs

- Green – Limited time parking
- White – Pickup or Drop-off Passengers or Mail
- Yellow – Load or unload passengers or things
- Blue – Handicapped parking
- Red - No parking unless posted for buses

Uphill and downhill parking

- Uphill with a curb – Turn your front wheels away from the side or towards the center of the road
- Uphill without a curb – Turn your front wheel toward the side of the road
- Downhill with or without a curb – Turn your front wheels toward the side of the road

Parking Distances

- Maximum Distance from curb – 18 inches maximum
- Minimum Distance from fire hydrant – 15 feet maximum
- Minimum Distance from Railroad Track – 7.5 feet

Miscellaneous Parking Information

- Never park in a cross-hatched pattern next to a handicapped parking space

- Never park on the wrong side of the road
- Never block a driveway
- Never park in an unmarked crosswalk
- You may park in a bike lane if otherwise permitted

General Distance and Time

- Minimum following distance in ideal conditions – 3 seconds
- Increase following distance to 4-5 seconds:
 - In traffic
 - Slick roads (rain, loose gravel, snow, ice etc.)
 - When following a truck
 - When following a motorcycle on a rough road
 - When being tailgated from behind (followed too closely by another vehicle)
- Visual lead time
 - 10-15 seconds ahead (1 block on surface streets and ¼ mile on the open highway to anticipate hazards)
- Rear-view mirror
 - Check every 2-5 seconds
 - Check whenever braking to see who's behind
 - Check before and after changing lanes
 - Check whenever changing speed or direction
- Turn Signal
 - Signal 100 feet before turns and lane changes
 - Signal at-least 5 seconds before changing lanes on freeway
 - Signal even if no other vehicles are around
 - Signal early to not get rear-ended when slowing down to turn
- Bike Lane
 - Must enter bike lane within 200 feet before turning right at intersection or driveway

- Center left turn lane
 - Can only enter during last 200 feet before turning left. Also, you can end a left turn into this lane but you must exit within 200 feet.
- Things extending out the back of vehicle
 - 4 feet maximum
 - Must be wrapped with orange flags or tape
- High Beams (Bright lights)
 - Cannot use if oncoming vehicle is closer than 500 feet
 - Cannot use if following a vehicle closer than 300 feet
- Passing slower vehicle ahead
 - Need a gap of at least 10-12 seconds from oncoming vehicle at speed of 55 mph (½ mile)

Administrative Laws

- Sell a car
 - Report to DMV within 5 days
- Buy a car
 - Report to DMV within 10 days
- Change your residence
 - Report to DMV within 10 days
- Get in an accident
 - File an SR-1 financial responsibility to DMV within 10 days (only if \$750 in property damage or any bodily injury)
- Driving while intoxicated – First offense
 - 12 month suspension
 - Jail
 - Fine

- Blood alcohol Content
 - .01% if under 21
 - .08% if 21 or over
- Over the counter medications
 - Still get a DUI (Driving under the influence)
- Cold medications
 - Most make people drowsy (Get a DUI)
- Financial Responsibility Requirement
 - \$15000 Bodily injury per person, \$30,000 per accident and \$5000 property damage
 - Parent is responsible up to \$35000

Road Markings

- Yellow lines in center of road
 - Separate opposite directions of traffic
- White lines down the center of road
 - Separate traffic moving in same direction
- Double solid yellow line
 - Cannot pass a slower moving vehicle
 - Can make a left turn or U-turn if otherwise permitted
- Broken yellow line
 - You can pass a slower moving vehicle ahead if the yellow line on your side of the road is broken
- Two sets of solid double yellow lines
 - Cannot cross for any reason

Seat Belts

- Children under 8 years old must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat
- Children who are either 8 years old or 4'9" must be secured by a safety belt in the back seat
- Children under 12 years old must be in the back seat
- Passengers 16 years of age or older get the ticket for not wearing a seatbelt.