

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Examples of Minor Traffic Violations

A conviction for a minor traffic violation, such as a fine for a citation, is not a criminal charge for the purpose of PD-27, "Employment Status Pending Resolution of Criminal Charges or Protective Orders." An employee, other than a commercial driver, is not required to report a conviction for a minor traffic violation to the employee's immediate supervisor or to any other TDCJ supervisor or manager.

1. Blocking or retarding traffic.
2. Bicycle ordinance violations.
3. Crossing yellow line, driving left of center.
4. Disobeying traffic lights, signs, or signals.
5. Driving on shoulder.
6. Driving uninsured vehicle.
7. Driving with an expired or invalid driver license (has not been suspended or revoked).
8. Driving with blocked vision or tinted window.
9. Driving with expired plates or without plates.
10. Driving without registration or without proper registration.
11. Driving wrong way on one-way street.
12. Failure to display a driver license.
13. Failure to have vehicle under control.
14. Failure to maintain financial responsibility.
15. Failure to signal.
16. Failure to stop or yield to pedestrian.
17. Failure to submit report after accident.
18. Failure to yield right-of-way.
19. Faulty equipment, such as defective exhaust, horn, lights, mirror, muffler, signal device, steering device, tail pipe, or windshield wipers.
20. Following too closely.
21. Improper backing, such as backing into intersection or highway, backing on expressway, or backing over a crosswalk.
22. Improper blowing of horn.
23. Improper passing, such as passing on the right, passing in a no-passing zone, passing a stopped school bus, or passing a pedestrian in crosswalk.
24. Improper turn.
25. Invalid or unofficial inspection sticker, failure to display inspection sticker.
26. License plates improperly displayed or not displayed.
27. Operating overloaded vehicle.
28. Parking violation.
29. Racing, dragging, or contest for speed.
30. Seat belt or child restraint violations, unless charged with child endangerment.
31. Skateboard or roller skate violations.
32. Speeding.
33. Spilling load on highway.
34. Spinning wheels, improper start, zigzagging, or weaving in traffic.
35. Violation of noise control ordinance (vehicle).
36. Violation of driver license restrictions.
37. Violate Promise to Appear (not the same as Failure to Appear).

Examples of violations of law **not** considered minor traffic violations are: Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Driving While License is Suspended (DWLS), Failure to Appear (FTA), Reckless Driving, Open Container, and Assault with a Motor Vehicle. An employee who is arrested or issued a citation for such action shall report the action to the employee's immediate supervisor within 48 hours of the event and before reporting for duty.