

## Demerit Point System

The Nevada DMV operates an extensive demerit point system as part of our driver improvement program. When we receive a conviction notice from a court, the offense is entered on your driving record and demerit points are assigned.

You will receive a mailed notification from the DMV's Driver License Review Section when you reach 3 or more points. If you have accumulated between 3 and 11 points, you may have 3 points removed by completing a DMV-approved traffic safety course only if the course is not part of a plea-bargain agreement with a court of law.

When you receive 12 or more points in any 12-month period, your driver license is automatically suspended for 6 months. You will be mailed a certified letter before your license is suspended and have the right to a hearing through the [Office of Administrative Hearings](#).

Please be sure we have your correct address. See [Address Changes](#).

The demerit points for a violation are deleted when 12 months have elapsed from the date of conviction. Convictions remain part of your permanent driving record.

Major traffic offenses such as DUI, death or substantial bodily harm are not assigned demerit points. These offenses result in automatic revocation or suspension of your license.

## **Offenses and Point Values**

The following is a partial list of traffic violations, showing the demerit points that are assigned to your driving record. If you have a Commercial Driver License, there are additional penalties for some violations and additional demerit points may be assigned.

Reckless Driving	8	<b>Speeding</b>	
Careless Driving	6	1 - 10 mph over posted limit	1
Failure to give information or render aid at the scene of an accident	6	11 - 20 mph over posted limit	2
Following too closely	4	21 - 30 mph over posted limit	3
Failure to yield right-of-way	4	31 - 40 mph over posted limit	4
Passing a school bus when signals are flashing	4	41 mph or more over posted limit	5
Hand-held cellphone use or texting <b>NEW!</b> (2nd and subsequent offenses)	4	Prima Facie speed violation or driving too fast for the conditions	2
Disobeying a traffic signal or stop sign	4	See <a href="#">Violation Codes</a> for a complete list of offenses and points.	
Impeding traffic, driving too slowly	2		
Failure to dim headlights	2		