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TEXTING WHILE DRIVING LAW (TCA 55-8-199)

Texting while driving a vehicle in Tennessee is illegal.

MOVE OVER LAW (TCA 55-8-132)

When approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with visual emergency lights activated, drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to the vehicle by moving into the closest available lane from the emergency vehicle, whenever possible. When the roadway does not provide an additional lane, drivers are required to slow down and provide as much space as possible to protect emergency vehicle operators in action.

SEAT BELT LAW (TCA 55-9-603)

Tennessee is a primary safety belt state. Drivers are required to wear safety belts at all times when operating a motor vehicle in Tennessee. Drivers are also responsible for ensuring that all passengers are belted in.

SPEEDING IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES LAW (TCA 55-8-153)

Drivers are required to obey speed limits at all times, especially when workers are in a construction zone.

TENNESSEE'S DUI LAW AND PENALTIES (TCA 55-10-401 AND 55-10-403)

Individuals are presumed to be under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08%. First-time offenders are subject to a \$350.00 minimum fine and 48 hours in jail. Vehicle towing and storage will also be charged to offenders. Enhanced penalties and sanctions will result if BAC is greater than the legal limit or if children are present at the time of arrest.

MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW (TCA 55-9-302)

All motorcycle operators and passengers are required to wear a helmet. Helmets must meet federal motor vehicle safety standards and be certified by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

OPEN CONTAINER LAW (TCA 55-10-416)

Drivers shall not consume or possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage or beer while operating a motor vehicle in Tennessee.



For more information, please consult the Tennessee Comprehensive Driver License Handbook at www.tn.gov/safety. To learn about cell phone use, seat belt, underage drinking, and more...

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