

Texas Department of Safety

512-424-2600

512-424-7181 (Spanish)

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/drp.htm>

Driver Responsibility Program

www.txsurchargeonline.com

Municipal Services Bureau 1-800-688-6882

To check to see if there are any holds on your DL: www.texasfailuretoappear.com

POINTS

The driver's license of a person accumulates:

- A. 2 points for a moving violation of the traffic law of this state, another state or a political subdivision.
- B. 3 points for a moving violation of the traffic law of this state, another state or a political subdivision that resulted in an accident.
- C. Points will not be assigned on a conviction if the offense was for driving less than 10% of the posted speed limit. This does not apply to speeding in a school zone.
- D. A conviction for a violation of "child safety seat" is considered a moving violation.

Transportation Code – Sec. 708.052

SURCHARGES

Surcharge for Points: The Department of Public Safety will assess a surcharge on the license of a person who accumulates six or more points during the preceding 36-month period.

The amount of the surcharge is \$100.00 for the first 6 points and \$25.00 for each additional point. (DPS looks back 36 months. If you have 6 points, you will owe \$100.00 each year.)

Transportation Code – 708.053 and 708.054

Automatic Surcharge: A surcharge will be assessed on the license of each person who

during the preceding 36-month period has been convicted of:

Conviction	Surcharge <i>Per year for 3 years</i>
No Insurance	\$250
Driving While License Invalid	\$250
No Driver License	\$100

Transportation Code 708.103 and 708.104

NOTICE

"A conviction of an offense under a traffic law of this state or a political subdivision of this state may result in the assessment on your driver's license of a surcharge under the Driver's Responsibility Program"

Transportation Code 708.105

NOTICE

"A second or subsequent conviction of an offense under the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act will result in the suspension of your driver's license and motor vehicle registration unless you file and maintain evidence of financial responsibility with the Department of Public Safety for two years from the date of conviction. The department may waive the requirement to file evidence of financial responsibility if you file satisfactory evidence with the department showing that at the time the citation was issued the vehicle was covered by a motor vehicle liability insurance policy or that you were otherwise exempt from the requirements to provide evidence of financial responsibility."

Transportation Code 601.233

Failure to Pay Surcharge: The surcharge must be paid within 30 days to prevent suspension of driving privileges.

Note: If during the suspension the person is stopped by Law Enforcement, the person will be charged with "Driving While License Invalid" and be subject to a \$500.00 fine plus

court cost and another surcharge of \$250.00 for 3 years. *Transportation Code 708.152*

DENIAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL

If a person fails to appear in court as provided by law for the prosecution of an offense or if the person fails to pay or satisfy a judgment ordering payment of a fine and cost in the manner ordered by the court, the person may be denied renewal of the person's driver's license.

Transportation Code 706.003

SUSPENSION OF LICENSE

Provisional License Holders (17 year olds and under license holders):

These are some of the ways you could have your driver's license suspended or denied:

- A. fail to appear in court
- B. fail to satisfy a fine or judgment
- C. get a second charge of Minor in Possession or Consumption of Alcohol
- D. be convicted of two or more moving violations in a 12-month period
- E. get a Driving While Under the Influence
- F. Fail to Attend School
- G. cosigner's request that DPS suspend the minor's license
- H. fail to pay surcharges at the Department of Public Safety
- I. other- see *Transportation Code Chapter 521*

License holders 17 and over:

These are some of the ways you could have your driver's license suspended or denied:

- A. fail to appear in court
- B. fail to satisfy a fine or judgment
- C. driving while under the Influence or drug charges
- D. fail to pay surcharge to Department of Public Safety
- E. other – see *Transportation Code Chapter 521*