

Point Suspension

If you get too many points against your driving record within a certain period of time, you will lose your driver license through a point suspension. Each time you are convicted of a traffic violation, the court notifies the Motor Vehicle Division of the conviction. A conviction occurs when you plead guilty to a charge, pay the ticket or accept a plea bargain. Also, certain tickets will become conviction by default if you fail to appear in court. Each type of conviction causes a certain number of points to be placed on your traffic record. Each time you get a ticket the Motor Vehicle Division places the points on your record and then analyzes your record to see if there are enough points to cause a point suspension. When the Motor Vehicle Division analyzes records, it determines whether there are enough points to cause a suspension in the proper age group.

If there are enough points on your record to cause a suspension, a suspension is required. The DMV does not suspend your license without first trying to give you a hearing.

MINIMUM POINTS TO CAUSE SUSPENSION

ADULT DRIVER (over 21)

12 points in any 12 consecutive months

18 points in any 24 consecutive months

MINOR DRIVER (18 years or older)

9 points in any 12 consecutive months

12 points in any 24 consecutive months

14 or more points between the ages of 18-21

UNDER THE AGE OF 18

6 points in 12 consecutive months

7 points prior to turning 18