

5 Ways to Get Pulled Over



SPEEDING

If you want to avoid getting pulled over, the most important thing you can do is watch your speedometer when driving. There are a lot of devices such as radar detectors that help you become aware of any speed tracking devices, but law enforcement is becoming more adept at countering these devices, and using different ways of determining speed.



NOT WEARING A SEATBELT

In the state of Washington, if you are over the age of 8 or taller than 4'9", you are required to wear a seatbelt while inside a moving vehicle. Washington is one of 34 states that have primary seat belt laws, where you do not have to be pulled over for another offense to be cited for a seatbelt violation.

EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS

What do dark window tints, aftermarket neon lights, and broken tail lights all have in common? All of them can result in a traffic stop in the state of Washington. Equipment offenses are easy to spot, which makes officers more likely to pull someone over for one. Be careful to fix or update your vehicle when you have a broken windshield or expired license plate tags.



DISTRACTED DRIVING

Law enforcement is cracking down on distracted driving, as more and more drivers cause accidents by not placing full attention on the road in front of them. While changing the radio or eating a burger might not get as much attention as using a cellphone while driving, combined with unusual behavior might warrant getting pulled over by a police officer.



HAZARDOUS DRIVING

Maintaining the speed limit, signaling lane changes, and avoiding tailgating can ensure that you don't stick out when driving on any road. In addition, making sure you avoid swerving, burnouts, or any other erratic driving that can cause officers to assume the worst, should be avoided.

If you find yourself in need of an attorney for a traffic or DUI offense, call The Law Offices of Barbara A. Bowden.

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