

Points on Your Record

The DMV maintains a record of every driver's traffic convictions and collisions, with each incident remaining on the record for 36 months (or longer, for a few very serious violations). Each infraction has a point value attached to it, and it is a total of these points that is monitored by NOTS (*CA DMV Negligent Operator Treatment System (NOTS)*).

Violations

One point is assessed to a driving record for a variety of "lesser" violations, such as:

- speeding
- running a red light/stop sign
- turning violations



Two points are assessed to a record for more serious violations, such as:

- reckless driving
- driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs
- hit-and-run driving
- operating a motor vehicle while your license is suspended or revoked

Collisions

Any collision in which a driver is determined by law enforcement personnel to be "at fault" will result in a **one-point assessment** to the driver's record.

Point Accumulation: Depending on a driver's point count:

- When a driver accumulates two points within a 12-month period, the person is sent a warning letter.
- When a driver accumulates three points within a 12-month period, the person is sent a Notice of Intent to Suspend. Assessment of another point will result in a suspension.
- When a driver accumulates four points within a 12-month period, the driver's license is suspended for six months. Drivers will be considered "negligent"—and will have their license suspended for six months—if their driving record exhibits any of the following point totals (regardless of license class):

- 4 points in 12 months
 - 6 points in 24 months
 - 8 points in 36 months
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