

CHAPTER 62

GENERAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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62.01 VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS. Any person who willfully fails or refuses to comply with any lawful order of a peace officer or direction of a fire department officer during a fire, or who shall fail to abide by the provisions of this chapter and the applicable provisions of the following Iowa statutory laws relating to motor vehicles and the statutory law of the road is in violation of this chapter. These sections of the Code of Iowa are adopted by reference and are as follows:

1. Section 321.32 – Registration card carried and exhibited.
2. Section 321.37 – Display of plates.
3. Section 321.38 – Plates, method of attaching, imitations prohibited.
4. Section 321.79 – Intent to injure.
5. Section 321.98 – Operation without registration.
6. Section 321.174 – Operators licensed.
7. Section 321.193 – Restricted licenses.
8. Section 321.216 – Unlawful use of license.
9. Section 321.218 – Driving without valid license.
10. Section 321.219 – Permitting unauthorized minor to drive.
11. Section 321.220 – Permitting unauthorized person to drive.
12. Section 321.221 – Employing unlicensed chauffeur.
13. Section 321.222 – Renting motor vehicle to another.
14. Section 321.223 – License inspected.
15. Section 321.224 – Record kept.
16. Section 321.232 – Radar jamming devices – penalty.
17. Section 321.234A – All-terrain vehicles.
18. Section 321.240 – Altering center of gravity of vehicle.

19. Section 321.247 – Golf cart operation on City streets.
20. Section 321.259 – Unauthorized signs, signals or markings.
21. Section 321.262 – Damage to vehicle.
22. Section 321.263 – Information and aid.
23. Section 321.264 – Striking unattended vehicle.
24. Section 321.265 – Striking fixtures upon a highway.
25. Section 321.275 – Operation of motorcycles and motorized bicycles.
26. Section 321.278 – Drag racing prohibited.
27. Section 321.288 – Control of vehicle – reduced speed.
28. Section 321.295 – Limitation on bridge or elevated structures.
29. Section 321.297 – Driving on right-hand side of roadways – exceptions.
30. Section 321.298 – Meeting and turning to right.
31. Section 321.299 – Overtaking a vehicle.
32. Section 321.302 – Overtaking on the right.
33. Section 321.303 – Limitations on overtaking on the left.
34. Section 321.304 – Prohibited passing.
35. Section 321.307 – Following too closely.
36. Section 321.308 – Motor trucks and towed vehicles – distance requirements.
37. Section 321.309 – Towing – convoys – drawbars.
38. Section 321.310 – Towing four-wheel trailers.
39. Section 321.312 – Turning on curve or crest of grade.
40. Section 321.313 – Starting parked vehicle.
41. Section 321.314 – When signal required.
42. Section 321.315 – Signal continuous.
43. Section 321.316 – Stopping.
44. Section 321.317 – Signals by hand and arm or signal device.
45. Section 321.319 – Entering intersections from different highways.
46. Section 321.320 – Left turns – yielding.
47. Section 321.323 – Moving vehicle backward on highway.

48. Section 321.324 – Operation on approach of emergency vehicles.
49. Section 321.329 – Duty of driver – pedestrians crossing or working on highways.
50. Section 321.330 – Use of crosswalks.
51. Section 321.332 – White canes restricted to blind persons.
52. Section 321.333 – Duty of drivers.
53. Section 321.340 – Driving through safety zone.
54. Section 321.341 – Obedience to signal of train.
55. Section 321.342 – Stop at certain railroad crossings – posting warning.
56. Section 321.343 – Certain vehicles must stop.
57. Section 321.344 – Heavy equipment at crossing.
58. Section 321.354 – Stopping on traveled way.
59. Section 321.359 – Moving other vehicle.
60. Section 321.362 – Unattended motor vehicle.
61. Section 321.363 – Obstruction to driver’s view.
62. Section 321.364 – Preventing contamination of food by hazardous material.
63. Section 321.365 – Coasting prohibited.
64. Section 321.367 – Following fire apparatus.
65. Section 321.368 – Crossing fire hose.
66. Section 321.371 – Clearing up wrecks.
67. Section 321.372 – School buses.
68. Section 321.381 – Movement of unsafe or improperly equipped vehicles.
69. Section 321.382 – Upgrade pulls – minimum speed.
70. Section 321.383 – Exceptions – slow vehicles identified.
71. Section 321.384 – When lighted lamps required.
72. Section 321.385 – Head lamps on motor vehicles.
73. Section 321.386 – Head lamps on motorcycles and motorized bicycles.

74. Section 321.387 – Rear lamps.
75. Section 321.388 – Illuminating plates.
76. Section 321.389 – Reflector requirement.
77. Section 321.390 – Reflector requirements.
78. Section 321.392 – Clearance and identification lights.
79. Section 321.393 – Color and mounting.
80. Section 321.394 – Lamp or flag on projecting load.
81. Section 321.395 – Lamps on parked vehicles.
82. Section 321.398 – Lamps on parked vehicles.
83. Section 321.402 – Spot lamps.
84. Section 321.403 – Auxiliary driving lamps.
85. Section 321.404 – Signal lamps and signal devices.
86. Section 321.405 – Self-illumination.
87. Section 321.406 – Cowl lamps.
88. Section 321.408 – Back-up lamps.
89. Section 321.409 – Mandatory lighting equipment.
90. Section 321.415 – Required usage of lighting devices.
91. Section 321.417 – Single-beam road-lighting equipment.
92. Section 321.418 – Alternate road-lighting equipment.
93. Section 321.419 – Number of driving lamps required or permitted.
94. Section 321.420 – Number of lamps lighted.
95. Section 321.421 – Special restrictions on lamps.
96. Section 321.422 – Red light in front.
97. Section 321.423 – Flashing lights.
98. Section 321.424 – Sale of lights – approval.
99. Section 321.430 – Brake, hitch and control requirements.
100. Section 321.431 – Performance ability.
101. Section 321.432 – Horns and warning devices.
102. Section 321.433 – Sirens and bells prohibited.
103. Section 321.434 – Bicycle sirens or whistles.
104. Section 321.436 – Mufflers, prevention of noise.

105. Section 321.437 – Mirrors.
106. Section 321.438 – Windshields and windows.
107. Section 321.439 – Windshield wipers.
108. Section 321.440 – Restrictions as to tire equipment.
109. Section 321.441 – Metal tires prohibited.
110. Section 321.442 – Projections on wheels.
111. Section 321.444 – Safety glass.
112. Section 321.445 – Safety belts and safety harnesses – use required.
113. Section 321.446 – Child restraint devices.
114. Section 321.449 – Motor carrier safety regulations.
115. Section 321.450 – Hazardous materials transportation regulations.
116. Section 321.454 – Width of vehicles.
117. Section 321.455 – Projecting loads on passenger vehicles.
118. Section 321.456 – Height of vehicles – permits.
119. Section 321.457 – Maximum length.
120. Section 321.458 – Loading beyond front.
121. Section 321.460 – Spilling loads on highways.
122. Section 321.461 – Trailers and towed vehicles.
123. Section 321.462 – Drawbars and safety chains.
124. Section 321.463 – Maximum gross weight.
125. Section 321.465 – Weighing vehicles and removal of excess.
126. Section 321.466 – Increased loading capacity – reregistration.
127. Section 321.17 – Operating non-registered vehicle.
128. Section 321.91 – Abandonment of a motor vehicle.
129. Section 321.99 – Improper use of registration.
130. Section 321.104 – Operation with cancelled title or suspended/revoked registration.
131. Section 321.174A – Operation of motor vehicle with expired license.
132. Section 321.180 – Violation of instruction permit limitation.

133. Section 321.180B – Use of electronic communication device while driving.
134. Section 321.193 – Violation of conditions of a restricted license.
135. Section 321.194 – violation of conditions of a minor’s school license.
136. Section 321.216B – Misuse of license or ID card to acquire alcohol.
137. Section 321.216C – Misuse of license or ID card to acquire tobacco.
138. Section 321.256 – Fail to obey traffic control device.
139. Section 321.277 – Careless driving.
140. Section 321.284 – Open container – passengers.
141. Section 321.288 – Failure to maintain control.
142. Section 321.304 – Passing contrary to highway signs or markings.
143. Section 321.307 – Following too closely.
144. Section 321.311 – Turning from improper lane.
145. Section 321.321 – Fail to yield upon entering a through highway.
146. Section 321.322 – Fail to obey stop or yield sign.
147. Section 321.331 – Soliciting ride from within roadway.
148. Section 321.369 – Depositing or throwing litter.

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62.02 VEHICLES ON SIDEWALKS. The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon or within any sidewalk area except at a driveway.

62.03 CLINGING TO VEHICLE. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the streets of the City unless all passengers of said vehicle are inside the vehicle in the place intended for their accommodation. No person shall ride on the running board of a motor vehicle or in any other place not customarily used for carrying passengers. No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, in-line skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

62.04 QUIET ZONES. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating a quiet zone, no person operating a motor vehicle within any such zone shall sound the horn or other warning device of such vehicle except in an emergency.

62.05 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS. Upon the immediate approach of a funeral procession, the driver of every other vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle, shall yield the right-of-way. An operator of a motor vehicle which is part

of a funeral procession shall not be charged with violating traffic rules and regulations relating to traffic signals and devices while participating in the procession unless the operation is reckless.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.324A)

62.06 TAMPERING WITH VEHICLE. It is unlawful for any person, either individually or in association with one or more other persons, to willfully injure or tamper with any vehicle or break or remove any part or parts of or from a vehicle without the consent of the owner.

62.07 OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, WINE OR BEER ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS. A person driving a motor vehicle shall not knowingly possess in a motor vehicle upon a public street or highway an open or unsealed bottle, can, jar, or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, wine or beer with the intent to consume the alcoholic beverage, wine or beer while the motor vehicle is upon a public street or highway. Evidence that an open or unsealed receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, wine or beer was found during an authorized search in the glove compartment, utility compartment, console, front passenger seat, or any unlocked portable device and within the immediate reach of the driver while the motor vehicle is upon a public street or highway is evidence from which the court or jury may infer that the driver intended to consume the alcoholic beverage, wine or beer while upon the public street or highway if the inference is supported by corroborative evidence. However, an open or unsealed receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, wine or beer may be transported at any time in the trunk of the motor vehicle or in some other area of the interior of the motor vehicle not designed or intended to be occupied by the driver and not readily accessible to the driver while the motor vehicle is in motion.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.284)

62.08 OBSTRUCTING VIEW AT INTERSECTIONS. It is unlawful to allow any tree, hedge, billboard or other object to obstruct the view of an intersection by preventing persons from having a clear view of traffic approaching the intersection from cross streets. Any such obstruction is deemed a nuisance and in addition to the standard penalty may be abated in the manner provided by Chapter 50 of this Code of Ordinances.

62.09 RECKLESS DRIVING. No person shall drive any vehicle in such manner as to indicate a willful or a wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.277)

62.10 EXCESSIVE ACCELERATION. It is unlawful for any person in the operation of a motor vehicle, including motorcycles, to so accelerate such vehicle as to cause audible noise by the friction of the tires on the pavement or to cause the

tires of the vehicle to leave marks on the pavement or to throw sand and gravel, or to cause the wheel of a motorcycle to leave the ground more than two (2) inches, except when such acceleration is reasonably necessary to avoid a collision.

62.11 CARELESS DRIVING. No person shall drive any vehicle in such a manner as to indicate a disregard for the safety of persons or property.

62.12 EXCESSIVE NOISE. It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate any motor vehicle on the streets, alleys, public grounds, parking lots or parks in the City in such a manner as to cause noise from the tires of said vehicle or in such a manner as to cause loud, noisy or unusual engine sounds.

62.13 MILLING. It is unlawful to drive or operate a vehicle, either singly or with others, in any processional milling or repeated movement over any street to the interference with normal traffic use, or to the annoyance or offense of any person.