



The City of Cleveland's goal is to decrease the number of people who run red lights and improve the safety of all motorists.

"Red light cameras can detect and cite motorists who enter a signalized intersection in violation of the red phase and has the potential to reduce fatalities, injuries, and crashes by enhancing respect for traffic control devices such as traffic signals." –

Federal Highway Administration

Please... Stop on Red

What is red light running? A violation occurs when a motorist enters an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red. Motorists already in an intersection when the signal changes to red - waiting to turn, aren't considered red light runners.

How do the red light cameras work?

Red light cameras help communities enforce traffic laws by automatically photographing the license plates of vehicles whose drivers run red lights. The camera systems are installed at intersections where potential red light violations may occur and will provide 24-hour traffic monitoring. When a violation occurs, the camera records the date, time, speed of the vehicle, and the time elapsed since the beginning of the red signal. A citation showing a photo of the red light running violation is then sent to the registered owner.

When a violation occurs, who receives the citation? Citations are mailed to the registered vehicle owner.

What if the registered owner was not driving the vehicle? If the vehicle was not in your care, custody and control at the time of the incident, you must complete the affidavit on the back of your citation, providing complete, current, and accurate information for the person who was in custody of and operating the referenced vehicle at the time the incident occurred. If your vehicle was stolen at the time of the incident, you must enclose a certified copy of the Police report and the registered owner of the vehicle referenced herein must sign an affidavit declaring that such vehicle was stolen at the time of the incident.

What is the fee for running a photo enforced traffic light? The fine for running a photo enforced traffic signal is \$50. If the citation is not paid or contested within 60 days, you will be deemed to have admitted your liability for the violation.

What are the options for paying my fine? You may pay the civil penalty in person, by check, money order or cash accepted at the Cleveland Municipal Building located at 190 Church Street, N.E. between 8:00am and 5:00pm. You may also pay online by MasterCard®, VISA®, or Discover Card® at <https://www.safecitystreets.com/clevelandtn>. You'll need the citation number and your 5 digit zip code to view this violation online. The civil penalty may also be paid by MasterCard®, VISA®, or Discover Card® by calling the SafeStreet® Customer Service office (866) 358-3660.

How do I contest the citation? Instructions for filing a hearing are posted on the back of the citation. There will be an additional \$91 court cost and \$13.75 state litigation tax payable at the time of the hearing if found guilty.



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Fast Facts

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) reports that more than 800 people die and 165,000 people are injured annually in red light running crashes.

40-45 percent of all crashes occur at intersections or are intersection-related.

Disregarding traffic controls is a leading cause of urban crashes in the U.S. today. Surveys show most people run red lights because they're simply in a hurry.

The pursuit of red light runners can pose a serious risk for motorists, pedestrians, and police officers.

The popularity of red light cameras is growing rapidly. About 300 communities around the USA use the devices, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

A study by IIHS indicates that cameras reduce red light violations by 40-50% and crashes by 25-30%.

It is impossible for officers to continuously monitor an intersection 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As a supplement to traditional law enforcement, red light cameras can bring about behavior changes resulting in more motorists obeying traffic signals and signs and avoiding the crashes, injuries and loss of life caused by red light running.

Safety Tips

Recognize that driving requires your full attention.

Always wear a seat belt, even in the rear seats.

Don't multi-task when driving; preset radio stations and climate control.

Secure items that may move around when the car is in motion.

Keep a safe distance away from the vehicle in front of you.

Allow ample time to reach your destination safely. Don't speed to compensate for lost time; remember...speed kills!

Motorists need to be cautious during twilight hours.

Never drive tired or fatigued.

Pull safely off the road and out of traffic to deal with children.

Don't drink and drive!

Drive defensively.

***Please put courtesy back on
Cleveland roads - drive safely!***