



A Guide for Addressing Collisions Involving Unlicensed Drivers and Drivers with Suspended and Revoked Licenses

One of a Series of Guides to Help States Improve Highway Safety

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One out of five fatal crashes involves at least one driver who is not properly licensed (one who is unlicensed or has a license that is suspended, revoked, expired, or canceled). And in 35 percent of fatal crashes, the driver not properly licensed is judged at fault.

Most drivers respond appropriately to enforcement measures aimed at voluntary compliance with licensing laws and refrain from illegal driving to avoid legal sanctions. Nevertheless, 75 percent of suspended/revoked drivers with licenses continue to drive.

Representative Countermeasures

- ✓ **Apply special enforcement practices:** Increase enforcement in selected areas, routinely link citations to driver records, and create and distribute “hot sheets.”
- ✓ **Restrict mobility through license plate modification or removal:** Stripe license plates, or impound license plates.
- ✓ **Restrict mobility through vehicle modification:** Immobilize, impound, or seize the vehicle, or install ignition lock device.
- ✓ **Restrict mobility through direct intervention with offender:** Monitor electronically, or incarcerate.
- ✓ **Eliminate need to drive:** Provide alternative transportation service.



How the Implementation Guide Helps You

The guide lists practical countermeasure strategies, categorized by relative cost to implement. Many of these strategies have been formally evaluated to demonstrate effectiveness. Other strategies lack formal evaluation, but have been implemented with promising results.

The guide lays out the technical attributes of each countermeasure strategy in detail: target audience, expected effectiveness, keys to success, potential difficulties, appropriate measures and data, and associated need for support services.





The guide reveals organizational, institutional, and policy issues; issues affecting implementation time; costs involved; training and other personnel needs; and legislative needs (if any).

Web-Based Support for More Information

Backing up the guide is a series of appendixes and exhibits developed specifically to provide in-depth information useful to anyone implementing this part of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, together with a collection of general knowledge sharing documents providing background, data, and information of significant value to state and local implementers.

This guide is one in a series developed to assist states in their efforts to improve highway safety. Copies of the plan, the guides, the Integrated Safety Management System, Self-Assessment Tool, and related documents, may be obtained on the Internet at safety.transportation.org.



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