

Parking Laws

California Vehicle Code (21458a) Describes Rules for Curb Markings:

RED Curb – indicates no stopping, standing, or parking, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. (No Student Drop Off or Pick Up in Red Zone).

YELLOW Curb – indicates stopping for the loading or unloading of passengers or freight, (20 minutes for material & 3 minutes for passengers).

WHITE Curb – indicates stopping for the loading or unloading of passengers (3 minutes for passengers).

GREEN Curb – indicates time limit parking specified by local ordinance (24 & 30 minute zones).

BLUE Curb – indicates parking limited exclusively to the vehicle of disabled persons



Who Receives a Ticket?



Parking Enforcement:

The Registered Owner (RO) is the person receiving the citation, not the driver. The RO is responsible to resolve the citation. If parking citations are not cleared, either by dismissal or payment, the RO may not be able to renew vehicle registration until the citation has been cleared by DMV. Vehicles that have five or more citations on file are subject to impound, per (CVC 22651i)(1). Compliance with parking restrictions and traffic laws helps provide a safe roadway network in the City of Laguna Niguel.

Laguna Niguel Police Services (administered by the Orange County Sheriff's Department), is responsible for enforcing traffic laws within the City of Laguna Niguel.

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School Zone Traffic Laws



► **What are important traffic laws?**

► **How can I safely drive and park near schools?**

► **Who is responsible for traffic violations?**

This brochure is designed to answer your questions and more.

California Vehicle Code (CVC) Regulations

Double Parking

Prohibits stopping, parking, or standing of any attended/unattended vehicle on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped, parked or standing at the curb or edge of a highway. Parents should drop-off/pick-up children in designated areas. (CVC 22500h)

Parking in Crosswalk

Prohibits driver from failing to obey a sign or signal, or to fail to obey a device erected or maintained by lawful authority of a public body or official. (CVC 22500b)

Parking in Front of Public Drive

Prohibits stopping, parking, or standing of any attended/unattended vehicle in front of a public driveway. (CVC 22500e)

Bus Zone

Prohibits stopping, parking, or standing of any attended/unattended vehicle alongside a curb authorized for the loading and unloading of passengers of a bus, when indicated by a sign or red paint on the curb. (CVC 22500i)

Parking More Than 18" from Right Curb or on Wrong Side of Street

Every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway shall be stopped or parked with the right wheels are parallel with and within 18" of the right-hand curb, except that motorcycles shall be parked with at least one wheel or fender touching the right-hand curb. (CVC 22502)

Parking Near Fire Hydrant

Prohibits stopping, parking, or leaving standing any vehicle within 15' of a fire hydrant. Except, if the vehicle is attended by a licensed driver who is seated in the front seat who can immediately move such vehicle. Side Note: If the curb next to the fire hydrant is painted red, the driver could still be cited for stopping/parking in a red zone. (CVC 22514)

Relevant Traffic Laws



Disobey Traffic Control Devices

(No Left Turn, Turn on Red, Yield, or U-turn etc. Signs at an Intersection) When traffic control devices are placed as required, prohibits driver from disobeying the directions of such official traffic control devices. (CVC 22101d)



Failure to Obey Posted Sign

(No left turn, U-turn, No Student Drop Off Signs, etc.) Prohibits driver from failing to obey a sign or signal, or to fail to obey a device erected or maintained by lawful authority of a public body or official. (CVC 21461a)

No U-Turn in Residential District

Prohibits U-turn when any other vehicle is approaching from either direction within 200', except at an intersection when approaching vehicle is controlled by an official traffic control device. (CVC 22103)

Yield to Crosswalk Pedestrians

Prohibits U-turn when any other vehicle is approaching from either direction within 200', except at an intersection when approaching vehicle is controlled by an official traffic control device. (CVC 21950a)



Driver Due Care

Any driver approaching a pedestrian within any marked or unmarked crosswalk shall exercise all due care and reduce the speed of the vehicle or take any other action relating to the operation of the vehicle as necessary to safeguard the safety of pedestrians. (CVC 21950c)

Pedestrian Due Care

This does not relieve a pedestrian from duty of using due care for safety. No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or place of safety, and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard; or unnecessarily stop or delay traffic while in a marked or unmarked crosswalk. (CVC 21950b)



Pedestrian Outside Crosswalk

Pedestrian entering a roadway at any point other than a marked or unmarked crosswalk shall yield to the right of way of vehicles so near as to constitute and immediate hazard. (CVC 21954a)

Crossing Between Traffic Signals

Pedestrians shall not cross roadway except in a crosswalk between adjacent intersections controlled by traffic control signal devices or police officers. (CVC 21955)

Disobeying a Crossing Guard

Prohibits driver from disobeying traffic directions of a person authorized by local authority to regulate traffic pursuant when such appointee is wearing an official insignia issued by the local authority and is action in the course of his appointed duties. (CVC 21100.3)



Unsafe Speed (in School Zone)

When signs are posted for a "School Zone – When Children are Present", the speed limit is reduced to 25 MPH. This applies whenever children are present – Before, During & After School. (CVC 22358.4b)



Talking on a Cell Phone While Driving

Prohibits driving while using a cell phone, unless hands free. Minors (under 18 years of age) may not use cell or hands free device. (CVC 23123a) / (CVC 23124)



Texting While Driving

A person shall not drive a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communication device to write, send or read texts. (CVC 23123.5)

Smoking in Vehicle

Prohibits smoking a pipe, cigar, vape pen or cigarette, whether vehicle is in motion or at rest, when a minor is present. (HSC 118948a)



Seatbelt Laws

Driver and passengers must properly wear safety belts, as they were designed to be worn with the strap worn over shoulders, not under. (CVC 27315) / (CVC 27360.5)



Helmet Laws

Minors must wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet for bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, etc., (CVC 21212a)

