

**Traffic Enforcement
Recruit Traffic Study Guide**

Read carefully and choose the best possible answer. More than one RCW may or may not apply to the question.

1. By definition, when a person or object cannot be clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet, this is considered _____, RCW _____.

2. A signal of intention to turn or move right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last _____ feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.

RCW _____ Heading _____

3. No driver shall make a U-turn near the crest of a grade or upon any curve where he has less than _____ feet visibility in each direction.

RCW _____ Heading _____

4. "Roadway" means: (full definition please) _____

RCW _____

5. You, as a police officer, are on an emergency run with blue lights and siren operating and are involved in an accident. Due to the fact you are driving an authorized emergency vehicle in official capacity, you are relieved from the consequences of the accident.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

6. You, as a police officer, observe a pedestrian start across the street when the signal is flashing, "Don't Walk". You decide to cite the individual under what code number?

RCW _____ Heading _____

7. The traffic signal is red for Jones. Jones stops for the red light, and then decides to make his "free right turn". Jones makes his free right turn and, in the process, forces a pedestrian to yield to him. You stop Jones and ticket him for failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian under:

RCW _____ Heading _____

8. While driving down the highway, you observe a vehicle using the lane signed as "Transit Only". You pull the driver over and ticket him under:

RCW _____ Heading _____

9. While on routine patrol, you observe Driver A make an unsafe lane change, forcing Driver B to apply his brakes. You stop Driver A for the unsafe lane change and ticket him under:

RCW _____ Heading _____

10. You, as an officer, stop an individual for running a stop sign. While interviewing the driver, he states he forgot his driver's license that is valid according to DOL. You can cite him for what two charges?

RCW _____ Heading _____

RCW _____ Heading _____

11. While on routine patrol, you observe a pedestrian cross the roadway at an unmarked crosswalk. The pedestrian has crossed where a sign prohibits pedestrian crossings. You decide to ticket the pedestrian under:

RCW _____ Heading _____

12. A driver is required to signal his intention to turn by using a hand or electric turn signal.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

13. You are following a pickup truck and notice a child standing in the passenger seat. The child appears to be less than 10 years of age. Can you stop and write the driver a ticket?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

14. A driver traveling upon a separated roadway is required to stop for a school bus that is displaying visual signals on the adjacent roadway.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

15. Three bicyclists are riding abreast upon a public highway is this a violation?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

16. If a person leaves a child under 16 in a vehicle with the engine running in a public place, they are guilty of a misdemeanor.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

17. How many vehicles must be formed behind a slow moving vehicle on a two-way highway before that vehicle is required to pull off and let them pass? _____

RCW _____ Heading _____

18. During a routine traffic stop the driver/owner of the vehicle presents you with an insurance card which you notice has been clearly altered in such a way that the insurance coverage appears to be current. Is this a violation of state law?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what classification of violation?

RCW _____ Heading _____

19. The driver of a vehicle proceeding with a green light enters the intersection but cannot clear the intersection due to other vehicular traffic blocking his way. The light turns red and the driver is still blocking the intersection. Under what RCW, would you cite him?

RCW _____ Heading _____

20. You observe a motorcycle pass a vehicle in the same lane occupied by the other vehicle. Is this a violation?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

21. Who has the responsibility for cleaning up the glass and other debris from an accident scene when the vehicles are removed? _____

RCW _____ Heading _____

22. It is unlawful to park within:

- _____ feet of a fire hydrant
- _____ feet of a crosswalk
- _____ feet of nearest railroad crossing
- _____ feet of yield sign
- _____ feet of stop sign

RCW _____ Heading _____

23. If a vehicle is parked next to the curb on a two-way roadway, the right hand wheels need to be _____ and within _____ inches of the right hand curb.

RCW _____ Heading _____

24. Driver Jones parked his vehicle with the key in the ignition. Returning to his vehicle 15 minutes later, he noticed that he was ticketed for _____
_____.
- RCW _____ Heading _____
25. It is illegal to follow a vehicle more closely than one car length per each ten miles per hour being traveled.
- True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____
26. On the approach of an emergency vehicle giving required audible and visual signals, all drivers shall immediately drive parallel to the curb and stop.
- RCW _____ Heading _____
27. With certain exceptions, every vehicle shall be equipped with a device to reduce wheel spray of water to the rear thereof.
- True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____
28. Pedestrians shall not cross a roadway between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, unless the crossing is made in a marked crosswalk.
- True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____
29. The speed limit in marked school or playground crosswalks is _____ MPH, for a distance of _____ feet on either side of the crosswalk.
- RCW _____ Heading _____
30. A vehicle parked on a perceptible grade with the front wheels parallel to the roadway constitutes a violation.
- True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____
31. Must a driver of a vehicle, who is not on school grounds, obey a juvenile member of that school's student body, acting as a member of the "school patrol"?
- Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____
32. A vehicle overtaking and passing another, using a lane authorized for vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, must return before coming within _____ feet of any approaching vehicle.
- RCW _____ Heading _____

33. A driver involved in a collision where there is injury and they fail to remain at the scene is guilty of a misdemeanor.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

34. Any police officer who has received notice that the driver's license of the owner of a vehicle is suspended or revoked may, at any time during that period, stop that vehicle and check the license of the person driving.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

35. List the **types of vehicles** for which the Commercial Driver's License Act applies.

RCW _____

36. A licensed driver may be re-examined at any time with good cause.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

37. A motorist is required to dim his headlights within _____ feet of an oncoming vehicle or within _____ feet when approaching another vehicle from the rear.

RCW _____ Heading _____

38. Motorcycles are required to have _____ mirror(s) and may not transport a child under _____ years of age.

RCW _____ Heading _____

39. A person who moves or changes names due to marriage or otherwise must notify the Department of Licensing within 10 days.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

40. You attempt to stop a vehicle for failing to stop for a red light. The violator flees and refuses to stop for you and he almost runs over two citizens in a crosswalk. In order to charge this violator with eluding a police vehicle, what five elements must be articulated in order for the prosecutor to file these charges?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

RCW _____ Heading _____

41. Full-time employees of dealers may use vehicles belonging to the dealer which are for sale and may display a dealer's license even though the vehicle is being used for personal business.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

42. Mr. Jones, who is the legal owner of vehicle A, loans his vehicle to Mr. Smith, who has no claim to the vehicle, but is just a friend. Mr. Smith then gets stopped because one license plate is missing. Mr. Smith receives a ticket for having only one license plate. Can Mr. Jones also receive a ticket?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

43. You are on routine patrol and are stopped by a citizen who asks you, "I have just moved. How long do I have to tell DOL about my new address for my driver's license?"

Answer _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

44. You stop a vehicle driven by a violator who is 17 years old. The violator has no license or permit to drive. The passenger is the violator's father. Can you ticket the father in addition to the violator?

Yes _____ No _____

If so, under RCW _____ Heading _____

45. You observe a vehicle driving down the highway that has numerous equipment violations. You stop the vehicle, ticket the driver. In your opinion you decide that the vehicle is unsafe. You impound the vehicle under what authorization?

RCW _____ Heading _____

46. At what distance does the law require that the rear license plate light illuminate the plate and make it legible?

_____ feet, RCW _____ Heading _____

47. During daylight hours, a load extending _____ feet from the tailgate of a vehicle is required to have red flags at least _____ square on the extreme end of the load.

RCW _____ Heading _____

48. State here which RCW section and subsection lists those vehicles exempt from the requirements of liability insurance. They are (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ .

RCW _____ Heading _____

49. On a two-lane road, it is unlawful to pass within _____ feet of the approach of an intersection or within the intersection.

RCW _____ Heading _____

50. While on routine patrol, you receive a call of a person parked in front of a house honking his horn excessively in a residential area. As you are arriving, you hear the person laying on his horn for 20 seconds or more. Can you ticket this individual?

Yes _____ No _____

If so, under RCW _____ Heading _____

51. Harry Hot Rod adds wide rear tires to his vehicle. The tires protrude out from the wheel wells by 4 inches and he has nothing covering the tires. Can you ticket Harry?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

52. Could you ticket someone for "bald tires", less than 2/32 of an inch?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

53. The driver of vehicle A is making a left turn from a public road into his driveway. In the process, he forces vehicle B, coming from the opposite direction, to yield the right-of-way to him. Under what RCW can you cite him?

RCW _____ Heading _____

54. You observe a vehicle traveling at the legal speed limit even though the roads are icy and it is hazardous to drive that fast under the conditions. Can you ticket the driver?

Yes _____ No _____

If so, under RCW _____ Heading _____

55. Operating a vehicle in a manner as to endanger or likely to endanger any persons or property is _____.

RCW _____ Heading _____

56. Two vehicles have a contest of speed on a public highway. Even though neither breaks the speed limit, they could be charged under:

RCW _____ Heading _____

57. You, as an officer, decide to ticket a driver for embracing another while driving. You will need to articulate (full definition): _____

_____.

R.C.W. _____.

58. You are on patrol and you observe a vehicle making a U-Turn through the grass median of the highway. What violation has been committed?

RCW _____ Heading _____

59. You observe a vehicle stopped at a red traffic light. He makes a right turn on the red light. Posted at the intersection are signs stating "No Turn on Red". Under what RCW would you cite the driver?

RCW _____ Heading _____

60. A motorist must stop for a stop sign **and then** shall yield the right of way to any vehicle so closely to constitute an immediate hazard before proceeding.

True _____ False _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

61. What is the difference between No Valid Driver's License without ID and No Valid Driver's License with ID?

RCW _____ Heading _____ Type of Crime _____

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62. Any person who knowingly provides false evidence of financial responsibility to a law enforcement officer or to a court, including an expired or canceled insurance policy shall be guilty of a _____.

RCW _____ Heading _____

63. In response to a complaint of an unauthorized vehicle parked in a marked/posted handicap stall in the parking lot of the local grocery store, a law enforcement officer may ticket and impound that vehicle under what 2 RCWs

RCW _____ Heading _____

RCW _____ Heading _____

64. A law enforcement officer may impound a vehicle under RCW _____ for DUI, Physical Control, and for one or more of the listed _____ circumstances.

65. You are hand controlling an intersection at the scene of a multiple alarm fire. The driver of an automobile threads his way out from between the fire units and, in the process, drives across a charged 3 1/2" hose. He did this without direction from any public official and tells you he had to get his car out or it would have been burned. May the driver be ticketed?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

66. You are about to enter a highway from an intersecting street. A large dump truck (88,000 GVW) passes by and you see that the "pea" gravel he is hauling is falling in a steady stream from the tailgate area of the bed. Is the dump truck driver committing a violation?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

67. Studded snow tires may lawfully be used in Washington State from _____ until _____ unless _____.

RCW _____ Heading _____

68. You observe an automobile traveling south-bound on a highway behind a line of five cars. The driver moves left to the 2-way left turn lane and passes those vehicles, then moves back to the south-bound lane. Has a violation of law occurred?

Yes _____ No _____ RCW _____ Heading _____

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