

MANDATORY SEAT BELT LAWS

FSS 316.614 - Seat belt laws apply to all cars, pickup trucks, and vans operated on Florida roads. All passengers in the front seat must wear a seat belt. All passengers under 18 must wear a seat belt

YIELD TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES/MOVE OVER ACT

FSS 316.126 (1)(b) - When an authorized emergency vehicle making use of any visual signals is parked, every other vehicle, as soon as it is safe:

(1) Shall vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle when driving on an interstate or other highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

(2) Shall slow to a speed that is 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or greater; or travel at 5 miles per hour when the posted limit is 20 miles per hour or less, when driving in a two-lane road, except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

RACING

FSS 316.191 (2) (a) - A person may not drive any vehicle, including any motorcycle, in any race; speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, exhibition of speed or acceleration or for the purpose of making a speed record on any highway, roadway, or parking lot, and a person shall not in any manner participating in, coordinate, facilitate, or collect moneys at any location for any such race; ride as passenger in; or purposefully cause the movement of traffic to slow or stop for, any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition.

LIGHTING ON VEHICLES

FSS 316.220, 221, 222, 224, 2397 - Any lights on a motor vehicle shall reflect as such:

- The front of the vehicle will only show white, or amber in color lights
- The rear of the vehicle will only show white, amber or red in color lights.
- Headlights shall be white.
- Tag lights shall be white.
- Back up lights shall be white or amber.
- No vehicle shall have blue or red unless provided by law in FSS 316.2397.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF

THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF DAVID B. SHOAR



LAWS OF THE ROAD

Dear St. Johns County Resident,
We have included several traffic laws that we often encounter while investigating traffic crashes or making traffic stops. We hope this information will help you remain safe on the road and have a better understanding of Florida Rules of the Road. Stay Safe!

Your Sheriff, David B. Shoar

David B. Shoar

VALUES: OUR CORE VALUES ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE: INTEGRITY,
TREATING PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT

MISSION: TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE VISION: BE THE BEST WE CAN BE, IN ALL WE DO

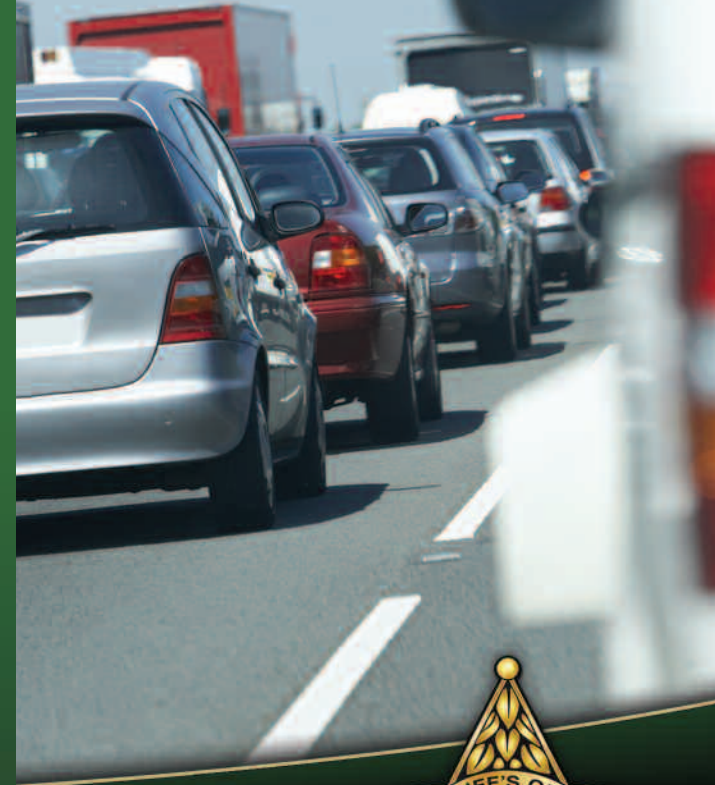
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OBSCURED LICENSE PLATES

Clear or smoke colored license plate covers are not legal in the state of Florida.

Per FSS 316.605 - All plates shall be free from defacement, mutilation, grease, and other obscuring matter, so that they will be plainly visible and legible at all times 100 feet from the rear or front. Nothing shall be placed upon the face of a Florida plate except as permitted by law.

TELEVISION RECEIVERS

FSS 316.303 (1) - No motor vehicle operated on the highway of this state shall be equipped with television-type receiving equipment so located that the viewer or screen is visible from the driver's seat.

WEARING OF HEADSET

FSS 316.304 - NO person shall operate a vehicle while wearing a headset, headphones, or other listening devices, other than a hearing aid or instrument for the improvement of defective human hearing. (You are allowed to use a headset in conjunction with a cellular telephone that only provides sound through one ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other ear.)

RADIOS

FSS 316.3045 (1) - Unlawful operation of RADIOS/SOUND MAKING DEVICES or INSTRUMENTS (if plainly audible at a distance of 25 feet or more.)

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

FSS316.2123 & County Ordinance 2006-141- According to the Florida Statute & County Ordinance it is illegal to operate an ATV on a public roadway in St Johns County. Public road way is defined as any road the public has access to. You may operate an ATV on private property that is not open for regular vehicle traffic.

TINTING

FSS 316.2952(2), FSS 316.2953, FSS 316.2954 - Darkness of tint is measured by Visible Light Transmission percentage (VLT%). In Florida, this percentage refers to percentage of visible light allowed in through the combination of film and the factory provided glazing.

Windshield	Non-reflective tint is allowed along the top of the windshield ABOVE the manufacturer's AS-1 line.
Front Side Windows	Must allow more than 28% of light in.
Back Side Windows	Must allow more than 15% of light in.
Rear Window	Must allow more than 15% of light in.
HOW REFLECTIVE CAN THE TINT BE IN FLORIDA? Similar to sunglass lenses, some tinting film contains metallic elements that help in reflecting incoming light and reducing the glare and heat generated by visible light.	
Front Side Windows	Must not be more than 25% reflective.
Back Side Windows	Must not be more than 25% reflective
Even if you purchase the car with the tint already in place you are still legally responsible if it doesn't meet Florida guide lines.	

GOLF CARTS

Per County Ordinance 210-48 (a) - A Golf Cart shall not be operated on any County Road, except a Designated County Road that has been appropriately marked with signs by the County Engineer.

(b) A Golf Cart may be operated on a Designated County Road only between sunrise and sunset, unless the County has determined that on the particular Designated County Road, a Golf Cart may also be operated between sunset and sunrise and the Golf Cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of Florida Statute 322.16, a person who holds a driver's license and who is under 17 years of age, when operating a Golf Cart after 11 p.m. and before 6 a.m., shall be accompanied by a driver who holds a valid license to operate the type of vehicle being operated and is at least 21 years of age, unless that person is driving directly to or from work.

(d) In accordance with the provisions of Florida Statute 322.16, a person who holds a driver's license who is 17 years of age, when operating a Golf cart after 1 a.m. and before 5 a.m., shall be accompanied by a driver who holds a valid license to operate the type of vehicle being operated, and is at least 21 years of age unless that person is driving directly to or from work.

(e) A Golf Cart operating on a Designated County Road shall be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.

(f) Any driver of a Golf Cart on a Designated County Road shall have a valid driver's license.

(g) It is recognized that in addition to the above provisions, the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law (Chapter 316, Fla. Stat.) shall apply where applicable as per Florida Law.