

Defensive Driving Class

You may have received more than one charge on your Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint Form. If you qualify for the defensive driving program option, it may be applied to only one eligible traffic charge. You must appear in court or pay the fines for any additional charges, on or within ten days before the appearance date listed on your complaint. If you receive an extension to complete a defensive driving class by the Court, the new completion date only applies to the eligible charge.

ADVANTAGES:

- You will not have to go to court for one traffic charge.
- The eligible charge will be dismissed.
- You will receive no points against your Driver's License for that charge. Points may increase insurance premiums and may result in a Driver's License suspension.
- You will not have to pay a fine for that charge.

ELIGIBILITY:

You are eligible if you meet all of the following criteria:

- You **have not** attended a Defensive Driving Class in the State of Arizona for dismissal of a traffic charge within the past two years (*previous violation date to current violation date*).
- A violation code on your complaint **matches** one that is listed in the "Moving Violations" section on the Fine Schedule.
- Your traffic charge **did not** result from an accident involving serious physical injury or death.
- Your traffic charge **has not** already been set to hearing or trial.
- If you are **under the age of 18 years of age**, you must appear in court with a parent to obtain permission to attend a Defensive Driving Class.

Any person who had a **Commercial Driver's License (CDL)** at the time of their violation **is not** eligible to have their complaint dismissed through attendance at a Defensive Driving Class.

WHAT TO DO:

- If you are eligible to attend Defensive Driving Course for diversion, you may only attend a Supreme Court certified school.
- If you wish to attend class in a state other than Arizona **OR** would like to take an ONLINE class, you may do so by contacting one of the Supreme Court certified schools.
- Visit <http://www.supreme.state.az.us/driveschoolinfo/> **OR** Call the Defensive Driving School information line at 1(888) 334-5565 (automated response only; *there is no option to speak to a representative*)
- **To help you select a school, you will need to know the following:**
 - The City of Avondale, Arizona is located within **Maricopa County**
 - Avondale City Court's assigned number is **0760**

NOTE: Complete the class at least 7 days prior to the court appearance date on the complaint or extension notice.

Failure to complete the defensive driving class at least seven days prior to your court appearance date, may result in the entry of a default judgment and/or your driver's license suspension with additional monetary penalties being imposed.

Red Light Violations: Persons found responsible or entering a plea of responsible for red light traffic control signals, including flashing stop signal violations, will be ordered by the Motor Vehicle Division to attend and successfully complete Traffic Survival School or suffer suspension of your driving privileges.